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TO FIGHT
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BITTER END

Since his return from Chungking, Chiang Kai-shek has separately received the British American and Soviet Ambassadors, according to Chinese reports from Chungking, which declare that in his interviews with the foreign envoys, the Generalissimo reiterated China's determination to fight to the bitter end.—Reuter.

HONEYMOON COUPLE IN INCIDENT

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A BRITISH COUPLE, MR. NOEL ABBOTT, EMPLOYED BY THE IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, AND HIS WIFE, WHO ARE HONEY-MOONING HERE, WERE INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT WHILE RIDING IN THE HUNGJAO AREA BEYOND THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY, YESTERDAY.

Mr. Abbott's pony shied and inadvertently knocked a puppet policeman off his bicycle.

An altercation followed, which resulted in the Japanese sentries refusing Mr. and Mrs. Abbott permission to re-pass the barriers into the Settlement.

A high British military officer eventually appeared on the scene and secured the Abbott's release from the puppet Police station where both had been taken.—Reuter.

GERMANY RUDELY UPSET IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

London, To-day.

THE ANGLO-FRANCO-TURKISH treaty has been received with considerable relief in the Balkan countries.

In Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, it was stated:

"The sublime loyalty of the Turks has once more been proved.

"The Turks are capable of talking and listening all day, and then saying, quite simply, 'no.'

"Turkish resistance to threats to her independence has made possible the formation of a solid Balkan bloc."

Belgrade radio announced that such a bloc (to consist of all Balkan countries, including Bulgaria) was now to be expected.

In Bucharest it was also announced that a Rumanian economic delegation has left for Ankara to conclude a trade pact with Turkey.

The delegation will later go to Cairo to negotiate a trade with Egypt.

TITULESCU'S OFFER

Meanwhile, M. Titulescu, the former Rumanian Foreign Minister, who is now living in Switzerland, has written to King Carol placing his services at the King's disposal.

M. Titulescu was Premier for 20 years until 1926. He is a fervid opponent of Fascism and a good friend of France.

SLENDER HOPE GONE

In London, the "Evening Standard," commenting on the anglo-franco-turkish treaty, says: "Thus Germany, has been deprived of her slender hopes of diverting the war from the fortified west to the unfortified east."

"Britain will receive strong help in sea power."

"The stability of the Eastern Mediterranean may well prove to be a decisive factor in this war, and Turkey has rendered us the greatest service."

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

The Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, visited advanced aerodromes of the R.A.F. in France yesterday.

Sir Kingsley is the first British Cabinet Minister to visit the French war area.—Reuter.

SOVIET PACT RUMOUR

Shanghai, To-day.

Overnight rumours of the arrival in Chungking of five planes carrying a Soviet Military Mission, presaging the conclusion of a Chinese-Soviet Pact cannot be confirmed in authoritative quarters in Shanghai.

Hitherto no news has been received from Chungking, presumably as the result of censorship.—Reuter.

BRITAIN TO BUY MORE WOOL

Capetown, To-day.

The South African Department of Agriculture announces that Britain will probably buy the Union's wool clip at the same average price as she is paying Australia, namely 16% per lb.—Reuter.

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DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT
IN TORPEDOING

THUS FAR THE WAR in Europe has touched the resident of Hong Kong lightly.

Yesterday, however, Miss Peggy Medley, a young Canadian girl, returned to her home in Kowloon and found her mother in tears.

She then learned, for the first time, that her mother had received a cable on September 26, announcing that her brother, Mr. Henry Griffiths, and his son, the chief engineer and wireless operator respectively, of a ship torpedoed in the Atlantic on September 24, had died in the disaster.

September 28 being the date of Peggy's birthday, and there being a small party in progress, Mrs. Medley decided not to spoil her daughter's long-looked forward-to evening by breaking the sad news.

Yesterday, however, was Mr. Griffiths's birthday. Some seven years younger than his sister, he had corresponded with her regularly, although, since her marriage and migration to Canada, he had not seen her.

Consequently, with thoughts of many happy birthday celebrations in the small Welsh town where she spent her childhood with her parents and a large family of brothers, two of whom were killed in the last war, Mrs. Medley was rather overcome yesterday, with thoughts of a brother who would not now be opening the present she had so carefully chosen and sent off last month.

NEW ART IN
CAMOUFLAGE

London, To-day.

A correspondent with the British armies in France makes an interesting comparison between our troops to-day and in 1914.

One of the main differences, he says, is that to-day camouflage has been brought to a fine art.

Although the fields are alive with men and guns one can see hardly a sign of them.

One never sees columns of infantry on the road and rarely a horse or a mule.

There is never a line of cars by the roadside to give away the position of a headquarters. —Rector.

BRITAIN'S
GUARANTEE
TO POLAND

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons whether the references to aggression by a European Power in the agreement of Mutual Assistance signed between the United Kingdom and Poland on August 25 last were intended to cover the case of aggression by other Powers, including Russia, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs replied: "No; during the negotiations which led up to the signature of the agreement, it was understood between the Polish Government and His Majesty's Government that the agreement should only cover the case of aggression by Germany and the Polish Government confirm that this is so." —British Wireless.

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BRITAIN IN FAR BETTER POSITION THAN IN 1914

London, To-day.

GREAT BRITAIN IS far better prepared to-day than in 1914. She has had a year in which to store supplies, to arm and institute compulsory service.

She is not compelled to dissipate her effort as in 1914 by expeditions to Mesopotamia, Egypt and the Dardanelles, but can devote the entire power of the Navy in stopping supplies for Germany, and place a million men on the Western Front where unity of command was effected at the outset.

JUNK CREW THROWN INTO SEA

Nineteen fishermen are missing, believed drowned, as a result of Japanese attacks on defenceless junks between October 15 and 18.

While fishing off Li Ma Island on October 15, Lam Kan and a crew of 16 were victims of a Japanese motor-boat. Japanese sailors boarded their junk and after throwing the fishermen into the water, set it on fire. Lam was rescued, but the crew of 16 are still missing.

On October 18, the junk of Yeung San-chai was attacked off Mirs Point. Four Japanese set fire to it after forcing the crew into the water. Three folk are missing.

Off Hak Ngau Kok, three fishing junks were attacked the same day. The crew, however, managed to reach the shore safely.

KING AND QUEEN PAY VISITS

London, To-day.

The King and Queen paid a private visit yesterday afternoon to India House, New Zealand House and South Africa House. — Reuter.

When the King and Queen arrived at South Africa House they were greeted by the newly-appointed High Commissioner, Mr. Waterson, and

Germany begins this war with her people underfed and dispirited and her supplies sufficient only for a short war.

Her hopes of drawing raw materials from Russia are fading and the meagre German gold reserve is insufficient to pay for supplies from the few countries whose communications with Germany are still open.

Moreover all neutrals are impressed by the British firmness and recognise Britain's right to control supplies for the enemy.

"BLITZKRIEG"

Germany's only hope lies in a blitzkrieg but this has no chance of success against the well-prepared Maginot Line.

Britain still commands the North Sea, despite the losses which have been scrupulously admitted by the Admiralty.

The margin of the preponderance in ships with which Britain entered the war was designed to make ample allowance for expected losses.

NAZI CLAIM TESTED

Germany claims to command the North Sea which she calls the German Ocean but no single German merchantship can enter the North Sea to-day. None are able to penetrate the ring of British warships and aircraft behind which British sea-borne trade continues uninterrupted.

The German fleet has made no attempt to break this ring of steel whilst air attacks against warships have proved costly failures. — Reuter.

were cheered by a large crowd outside.

At New Zealand House, Their Majesties were greeted by the High Commissioner, Mr. W. J. Jordan.

At India House, the King and Queen were conducted round by the Indian High Commissioner. — Reuter.

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TWO ENGLISH COUNTIES FLOODED: BEDFORDSHIRE VILLAGES MAROONED

QUAKE SHOCKS IN CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.
Earthquake shocks were experienced over a wide area in eastern Canada and the New England States of America yesterday. No serious damage is reported.
—Reuter.

THREE YEAR SENTENCE ON YOUTH

"THOUGH HE HAS NO PREVIOUS CONVICTION, ACCUSED IS WELL KNOWN TO THE POLICE AS A MEMBER OF A GANG OF SCALLY-WAGS. HE WAS ONE OF 12 MEN ARRESTED AT THE ROPE FACTORY RECENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER WOUNDING CASE. HE WAS RELEASED OWING TO INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE," SAID MR. J. B. PRENTIS AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING WHEN TSE CHEUNG-LUM, AGED 18, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF WOUNDING SO CHUNG-WING ON JULY 7 WITH INTENT TO Maim, DISABLE OR DISFIGURE.

The case was heard by the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor and a jury composed of Messrs. H. Kin-long (foreman), A. Abbas, J. V. C. Riberio, J. Tan-hing, Lo Khin-ling, Lau Kam-leung and Lee Wai-chung.

Accused admitted having a fight with So Chung-wing but denied that he had any intention of stabbing him.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Counsel, said accused was charged with causing grievous bodily harm and with wounding.

So Chung-wing was stabbed in the abdomen above the navel and the wound was caused by a narrow pointed blade, an inch wide. The wound was serious and had the man reached hospital half an hour later, would have been fatal.

MAHJONG SCHOOL

So Chung-wing had gone to a mahjong school in Gough Street. He was unable to obtain a seat, but persuaded one of two youngsters to let him have a seat. As he was about to sit down, accused tried to take the seat from him. The argument resulted in a fighting outside the school, during which accused got the worse of it. Accused then tried to seize a knife from a nearby stall but was prevented by the crowd.

Next day So Chung-wing again went to the school. He saw accused but neither spoke to the other. In the evening at about 9 p.m. So was walking up some steps when he heard his name called. He turned and saw accused and two other men. One of them asked what he meant by fighting accused the previous night. So was asked what he was going to do about it. He said he was willing to do anything they wanted. The man suggested another fight.

This fight took place and accused again got the worse of it. During the fight, accused drew a knife from his girdle, but was prevented from using it by So who caught hold of his wrists.

"STAB HIM"

He then felt a blow on his shoulder and saw three men. One caught hold of his neck and he was forced to let go accused's wrist. He heard someone say "Stab him," and he felt de-

London, To-day.
FLOODS OVER AN AREA of 600 square miles which followed heavy rain on Wednesday, began to subside during the night but rain fell again yesterday and the waters are rising.

In Bedfordshire the floods are spreading east, and many villages are still isolated.

In many parts of the county the floods have reached a depth of four feet.

Newport Pagnell, in Buckinghamshire, has been cut off.

A girl cyclist in Bucks was swept off her machine and until rescued clung to a telegraph pole, which was floating by.

ROAD IMPASSABLE

London, Later.
The floods in Buckinghamshire are subsiding somewhat, but they are increasing in Bedfordshire.

At Bedford bridge the waters have risen three feet and the main road north out of the town is impassable.
—Reuter.

NEW COLOURS FOR WOMEN

Here is good news for women. The home front will be a gay one so far as colours are concerned.

When the last war broke out there was an immediate rationing in the supply of coloured material, as all our dyestuffs were imported from the Continent. But now 97 per cent. of our colours are manufactured in Britain.

A huge factory at Manchester is preparing to meet an even greater demand than in normal times.

Special colours to tone with khaki are already being experimented with, and leading fashion houses will be sent a special colour chart within the next few days.

An official of the British Colour Council told the press: "Purplish wines will predominate and there is a new colour, Manchu Brown, that will tone splendidly with Army khaki."

"Britain has become known as one of the most gaily coloured countries in the world. It will certainly try to live up to its reputation during war-time."

The only colours likely to be affected are dark navies and nigger browns. These demand more dyestuff than lighter shades, and the supply of them may be cut down should the war last for some time.

Accused pushed the weapon into his stomach. So collapsed, but recovered. He was able to get into a ricksha and told the puller to take him to Queen Mary Hospital. On his way he felt faint and went to a garage, and there saw a constable who arranged for an ambulance which conveyed him to hospital.

Here he was immediately operated upon.

Accused was arrested in Kowloon two days later.

In the court below, accused said So Chung-wing had got the gang together to attack him. He was struck and took a knife from a nearby stall and waved it about.

Mr. Prentis said the knife was not one usually used in stalls. Accused's father was a respectable member of the Fire Brigade Department and had been for about 19 years. He lived in quarters with his family and accused also stayed there.

In dock, accused said that he was attacked by So Cheung-wing and his gang.

Before passing sentence, the Chief Justice said the only thing he could take in consideration in favour of accused was his age. He was sure that discipline would do him good.

He sentenced him to three years' hard labour.

STOLE FROM CO-TENANT

Pleading guilty to the theft of a gold wrist watch, Wong Tam, 25, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning.

Inspector A. V. Baker said defendant lived in the same premises as the owner at No. 33, Johnston Road, third floor. Defendant pawned the watch for \$40, during complainant's absence.

MOTOR OFFENCES

The managing director of the China Motor Bus Company, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, to answer a summons for failing to maintain a bus in a proper state of repair.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

Mr. G. R. Horridge, of Imperial Chemical Industries, summoned for parking overtime in Pedder Street car park on October 5, was fined \$10.

STUPID NAZI CLAIM TO UPSET OF NAVAL SUPREMACY

London, To-day.

THE NAZI PROPAGANDISTS are behaving like drowning men clutching at a straw in their efforts to prove to the world at large that British naval supremacy is at an end.

These claims they support by "experts in neutral countries," but they carefully omit to mention the "experts' names.

However, Britain is not lacking in neutral testimony that our sea supremacy has been not in the least impaired by the repeated Nazi air raids on our ships.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that Germany has already broken the British grips on the North Sea with help from the Nazi Propaganda Ministry—but not yet, it seems, with her bombers and submarines.

The sinking of seven Nazi submarines in a week is far beyond progress in the last war, and is something no submarine fleet can stand for long.

APPALLING LOSSES

The German air raids have produced so appalling a death rate that it is impossible to ask men to face this sort of thing consistently, and the losses have been out of all proportion to the gains.

Comment is also provided by the Portuguese newspaper "Republica."

INCONTESTABLE

This journal says: "It is an incontestable and incontrovertible fact that Britain is the greatest power in the

world, both with her Navy and her Merchant Marine.

"The sinking of one, two, three—even 500 or more—of her ships will not affect Britain's maritime strength in the least."

AIR, TOO, SOON

Semi-official newspapers in Cuba, Sweden, Venezuela and the Balkans all comment to the effect that Britain is supreme at sea with her immense industrial resources, will inevitably obtain and maintain command of the air.—Reuter.

POCKET-BOOK LOST

Mr. C. Cabane, of Sennet Freres, has reported the loss of a pocket-book containing a mobilisation card sometime between Tuesday and yesterday.

ITALIAN AIR LINER IN DISASTER

Rome, To-day.

An Italian air liner flying from Seville crashed into the mountain-side near Malaga yesterday and burst into flames.

The 10 passengers and five crew were killed.

At the time of the disaster the pilot was flying blind owing to the bad weather conditions.—Reuter.

GERMAN PROMISES TO NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

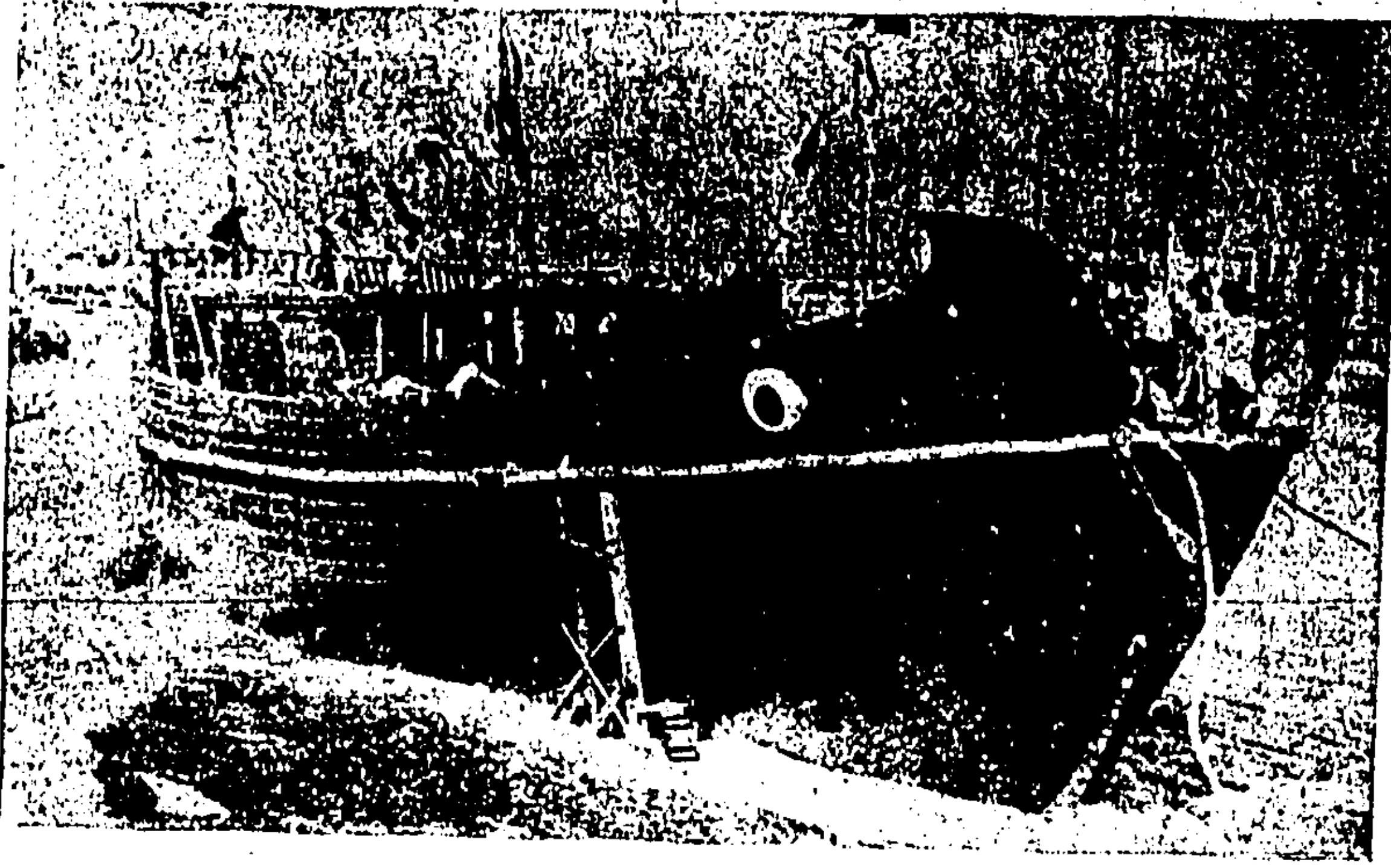
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied to a question in the House of Commons as to when and how Germany had guaranteed the integrity of Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Denmark.

Mr. Butler said the first German guarantee to Belgium was given on October 13, 1937, when Hitler announced that he was determined not to infringe Belgium's inviolability and integrity.

This guarantee was repeated by the Nazi Ambassador in Brussels on August 26 this year.

A similar German guarantee was given to Luxembourg on August 28, to the Netherlands on August 26 and to Denmark on August 28.

The guarantees were given on the understanding that each country preserved an attitude of strict neutrality.—Reuter.



"Cheng Ho," the world's most luxurious junk, which was launched at Ah King's Slipway last Saturday. She will be used on a botanical expedition to the Moluccas.



"Joss Pidgeon" in the bow of the Cheng Ho just before she was launched.

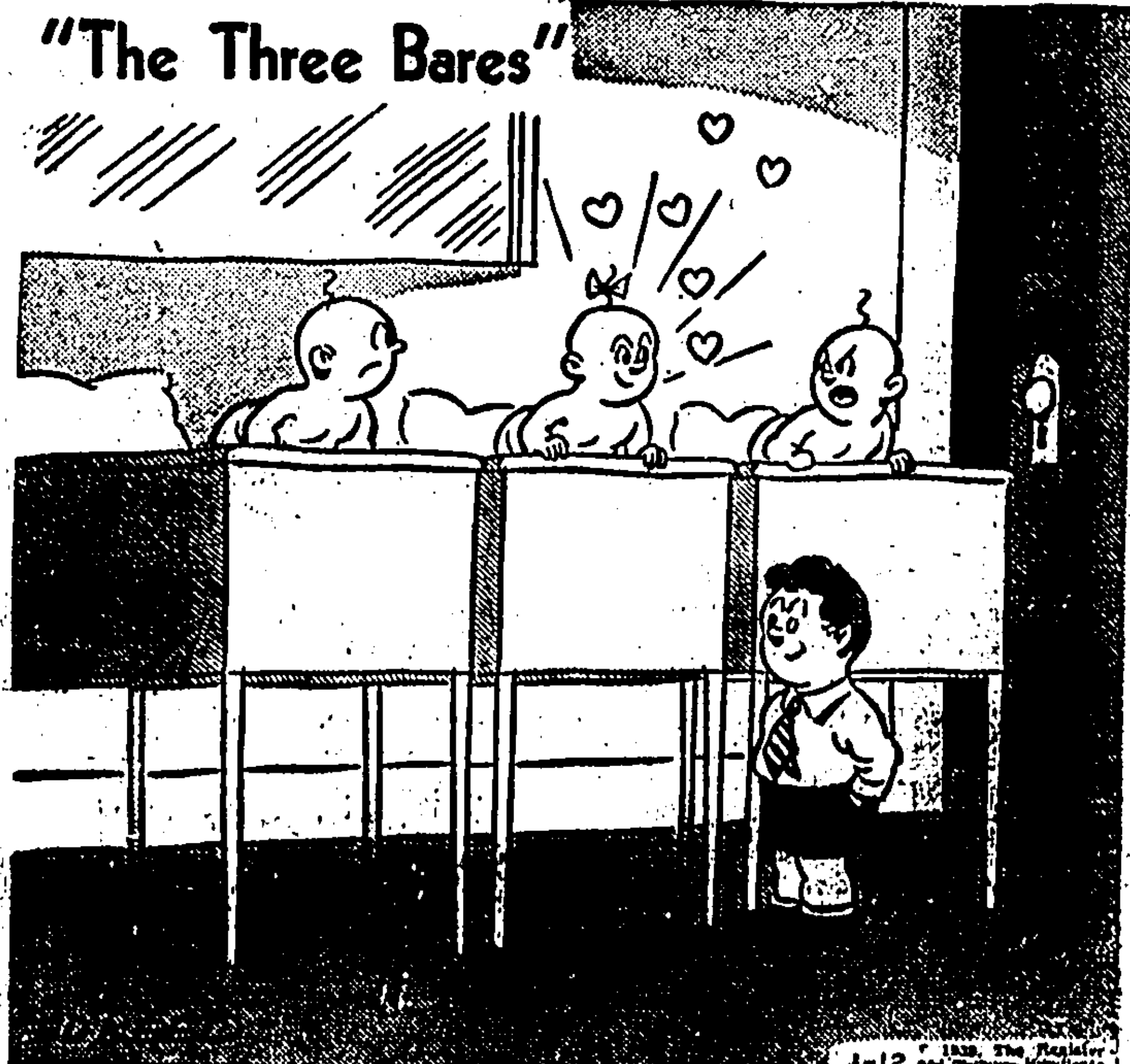


Taken at the launching of the "Cheng Ho." In the front row Fenton Kilkenny, "Ted" Kilkenny, who built the junk, and Hoy, head of Ah King's Slipway. Behind, Long and Ah Kay, in charge of part of the construction.

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STRENUOUS NAZI EFFORT TO DETACH TURKEY FROM ALLIES ENDS IN FAILURE

London, To-day.
YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT that an Anglo-Franco-Turkish pact of mutual assistance would be signed last evening came immediately after the departure from Moscow of the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarojoglu, and the arrival in Ankara of General Wavell (British commander-in-chief in the Near East) and General Weygand (French commander-in-chief in Syria and a former Chief of Staff.)

The visit of the Allied war chiefs to Ankara will continue the close military contacts maintained with Turkey since May, when mutual assistance pacts between Britain and Turkey and France and Turkey were announced.

SOVIET ENTRY INTO ESTHONIA

London, To-day.
While Tass, the official Soviet news agency, claims that Russian troops which entered Esthonia under the recent agreement were very cordially received, nevertheless the Esthonian newspapers and radio made no reference to the entry.

Great precautions were taken by the Esthonian Government and the roads over which the Red Army advanced were closely guarded by Esthonian troops.—Reuter.

BRITISH PRODUCTION OF T.N.T.

London, To-day.
Mr. H. A. Humphrey, who was in charge of the manufacture of ammonium nitrate for high explosives in the last war, said in a lecture yesterday that we were better prepared to-day for the manufacture of explosives than in 1914.

During the war expensive methods were used which were dependent on imports of Chilean nitrates. To-day we have synthetic ammonium plants in this country.—Reuter.

MINISTER MEETS SHIP OWNERS

London, To-day.
The new Minister of Shipping, Sir John Gilmour, yesterday met representatives of the Chamber of Shipping and the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association.

The Minister stated that he wished to work in closest cooperation with the shipping industry.

It is understood Sir John Gilmour will to-day meet representatives of officers and men of the Merchant Service.—British Wireless.

LARGE SUM MISSING

A sum of \$1,110.10 has been reported missing from the shop of Wong Kam-chueh, at No. 231, Hennessy Road, Wanchai. The Police are investigating and interrogating some of the folks.

General Orbay, the Turkish commander, is now in London on his second visit to England.

Since May the Germans have tried every means of detaching Turkey from the Allies.

Herr Franz von Papen, a veteran diplomat, was sent to Ankara, and it is not without interest that this gentleman is now on the way back to Berlin to report.

The length of time that M. Sarojoglu was in Moscow showed that there was some difficulty in the Turco-Soviet talks, and the day before yesterday Turkey announced that Russia had presented new proposals which Turkey could not accept.

DARDANELLES

These proposals included one in connection with the Dardanelles, and Turkey declared she could not be bound by any agreement in respect of the Dardanelles except those of international order.

Finally, came the important news of the signature of an Anglo-Franco-Turkish agreement.—Reuter.

WAR SNIPPETS

French pedestrians are to be allowed to flash their electric torches when picking their way through the blacked-out streets, state the authorities. During an actual air raid alarm they must, of course, put them out.

A number of Englishmen were reported to have been taken to police headquarters in Berlin for questioning.

Forty-five thousand Jews, men and women, were registered in the first two days of the campaign organised by the Jewish Agency and National Council for Volunteer Service in local defence and auxiliary services of the British Army.

Germany has bought 400,000 tons of cereals from Rumania, states a Rome report.

These are to be carried in Yugoslav and German vessels via Sussak, Trieste, Venice and Fiume.

Hundreds of Spanish fishing boats have returned to port with fine catches of bananas. The fruit was thrown overboard by German ships before they took refuge in Spanish ports.

JAPAN AND IRAN SIGN AGREEMENT

Tehran, To-day.
It is announced that a treaty of friendship was signed on Wednesday evening between Iran and Japan.—Reuter.

M. VAN ZEELAND INJURED

New York, To-day.
M. Paul van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, was one of the 73 passengers injured when the American liner "President Harding" ran into a hurricane in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

GERMANY NOT AT ALL PLEASED

Berlin, To-day.
German comment on the Anglo-Franco-Turkish pact does not disguise Nazi disappointment.

The pact confirms the opinion of political circles that Turkey came under British influence months ago.

The suggestion is made that "other states interested in the Mediterranean" may regard the pact as "a grave matter," and that the Balkan countries will regard it as a renunciation of the neutrality which is their essential aim.

Comment concludes:—
"How far the pact leaves room for the talks with Moscow, which are obviously not concluded, is a question that cannot be answered to-day."—Reuter.

JEWS MAY SETTLE IN ABYSSINIA

New York, To-day.
A Vienna refugee organisation announces that the Italian Minister of Colonies has agreed to settle 3,000,000 Jewish refugees in Abyssinia if Signor Mussolini's consent can be obtained.—Reuter.

CHINESE ACTIVE AT HANGCHOW

Shanghai, To-day.
Unofficial reports received yesterday state that Chinese troops continue to be active around Hangchow.

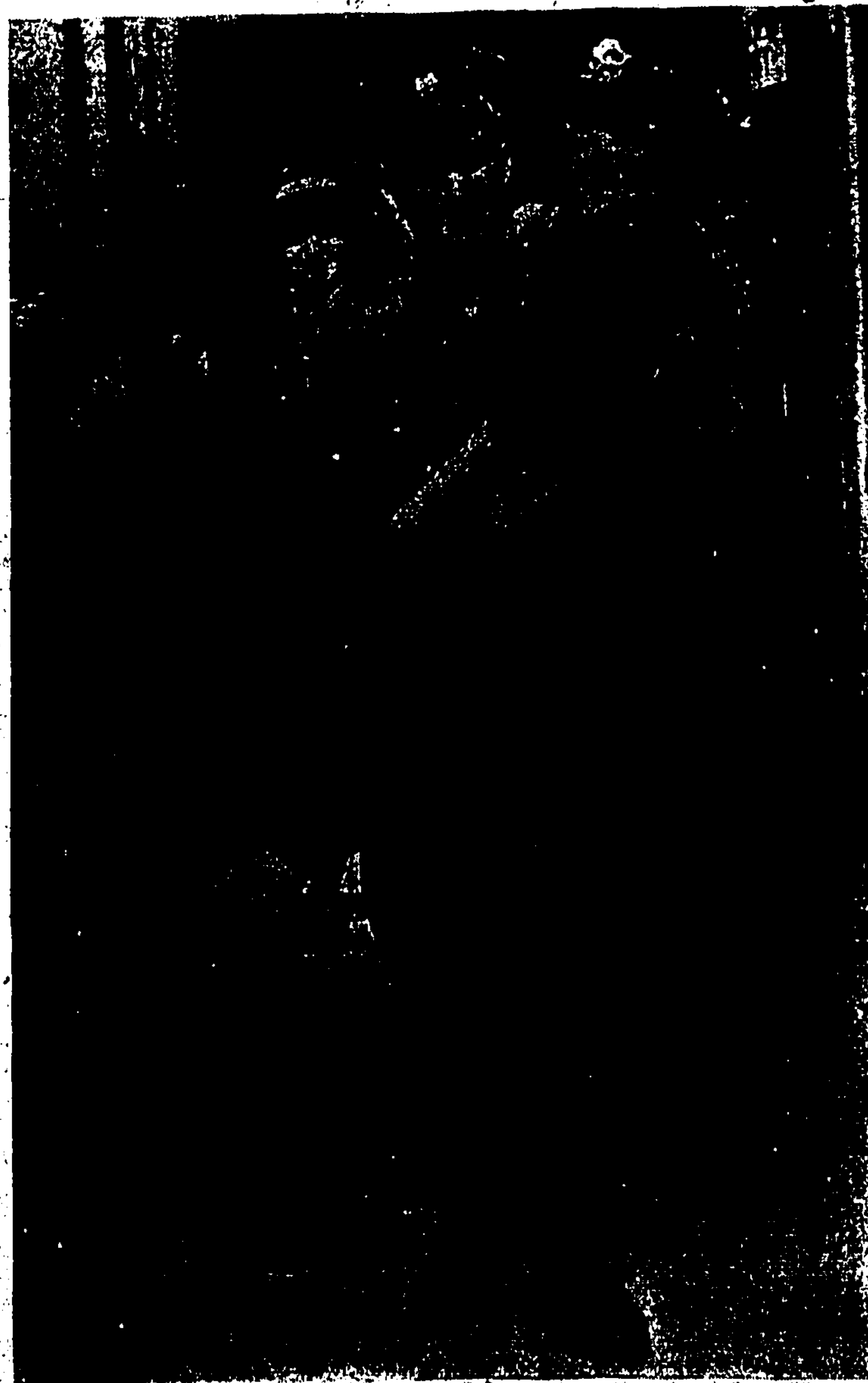
Small bands are said to have penetrated into the city itself and several clashes with the Japanese are said to have occurred.

The Shanghai-Hangchow railway is said to be continually damaged by the Chinese.—Reuter.

PARIS CABINET MEETING

Paris, To-day.
Yesterday's Council of Ministers lasted three hours.

The Premier, M. Daladier, reported on the diplomatic and military situations, and the meeting approved certain decrees.—Reuter.



IN SAFE HANDS.—A soldier carrying his bride from Brentford register office after their wedding on Saturday, Sept. 30. Forty-eight couples were married in three hours at this register office and couples had to line up and wait their turn. (By Air Mail. Copyright.)

NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Britain And France Sign Pact With Turkey

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT ON SUCCESS OF VITAL NEGOTIATIONS

London, To-day.

THE PRIME MINISTER, Mr. Chamberlain, making a statement with regard to the Anglo-Franco-Turkish treaty said that though negotiations which had been proceeding since he made his statement on May 12 had been protracted, they had never shown any material difference of views and throughout had been conducted in an atmosphere of mutual trust and confidence (cheers.)

An agreement on the terms of the treaty had been reached some three weeks ago but signature was postponed with the concurrence of the British and French Governments as the Turkish Government hoped that the visit of the Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu to Moscow might result in the conclusion of a Turco-Russian parallel treaty.

FULL TEXT OF ANKARA ALLIANCE

London, To-day.

The text of the Ankara agreement is published. It consists of nine articles:

- (1) That Britain and France will assist Turkey in the event of the latter being a victim of aggression;
- (2) Providing mutual assistance in the event of Turkey, on the one hand, and Britain and France on the other, being involved in war in the Mediterranean as a result of aggression;
- (3) Turkey to assist Britain and France in hostilities arising in virtue of the Anglo-French guarantees to Greece and Rumania;

CONSULTATIONS

(4) In the event of Britain and France being involved in hostilities in consequence of aggression by a European power with the provisions of articles two and three being applicable, the contracting parties will consult together, while Turkey will observe at least a benevolent neutrality towards Britain and France;

(5) To provide similar consultation with a view to common action in the event of aggression against another European state which any of the contracting parties has undertaken to assist or in the event of indirect aggression which menaces the security of any contracting power;

AGAINST ANY COUNTRY

(6) It affirms that the treaty is directed against any country;

(7) The provisions are equally binding as bilateral obligations between Turkey and each of the other two contracting parties;

(8) If the contractants are engaged in hostilities in consequence of the operation of the treaty, they will not conclude a separate peace;

(9) The treaty, valid for 15 years, is automatically renewable for a further five years, unless denounced at the expiration of 15 years, and becomes effective immediately.

A protocol exempts Turkey from the obligations of the treaty which would compel her to enter armed conflict with Soviet Russia.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

Mr. Chamberlain has telegraphed to the Turkish Premier, M. Saydam, a personal message of good wishes

The negotiations which M. Sarajoglu had been conducting in Moscow had now been temporarily suspended as the Turkish Government felt that certain proposals made to them could not be reconciled with points already agreed between Turkey on one hand and France and Britain on the other (cheers).

Nevertheless, it had been announced both from Moscow and Ankara that Turco-Russian relations continue to rest on a foundation of friendship (cheers). Meanwhile, the Turkish Government had agreed to not to defer any longer the signature of the Anglo-Turkish treaty and I am glad to be able to announce that the treaty was signed at Ankara half an hour ago, (loud cheers).

SOLID TESTIMONY

The treaty is valid for a minimum period of 15 years and therefore is no temporary arrangement to meet pressing emergency, but solid testimony by the three Governments concerned of their intention to pursue a long-term policy of collaboration. (cheers).

It will give the House great satisfaction to learn that these negotiations have been brought to a successful conclusion and the seal set on our close and cordial relations with a country with quality of character for whose people we have the highest regard and admiration. (loud cheers).

LABOUR WELCOME

Major Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, welcomed the statement and hoped that the agreement would long endure and that Anglo-Turkish friendship might be strengthened.

Sir Percy Thomas, for the Opposition Liberals, congratulated the Government and said that it was a great triumph for the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and the whole Government to have so skillfully guided what must have been difficult negotiations.

LAW, ORDER AND DECENCY

He went on to pay a tribute to the immense progress of Turkey since the war in arts, civilisation and economic development. (loud cheers).

He said that it was particularly satisfactory that Turkey should be standing alongside Britain in the fight for law, order and decency in international affairs. (cheers).—Reuter.

and congratulations on the conclusion of the treaty of mutual assistance and welcoming this additional proof of the resolve of the three countries to collaborate in furthering common interests and looking forward to the continuance of co-operation in pursuing the policy of the treaty.—Reuter.

LABOUR TO RAISE ISSUE OF INDIA

London, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour opposition, gave notice yesterday that the Labour Party intended to raise the subject of India and the war in the House of Commons next Thursday.

The Prime Minister announced that the Government of India and the Government of Burma Draft Orders would be considered in the House on Tuesday. — Reuter.

STAFF TALKS IN PROGRESS

Ankara, To-day.

General Sir Archibald Waverell and General Weygand have already begun Staff talks with Turkish military leaders. — Reuter.

WHAT WILL BE ITALY'S ATTITUDE?

Paris, To-day.

Well-informed circles are delighted at the conclusion of the Ankara agreement.

Interest attaches to this question:—What attitude will Italy adopt?

Praising Turkey's loyalty, "Le Temps" says that Germany has suffered another diplomatic check.

The question of the Dardanelles was certainly the chief subject of the Moscow talks and that is what caused Germany the most concern. — Reuter.

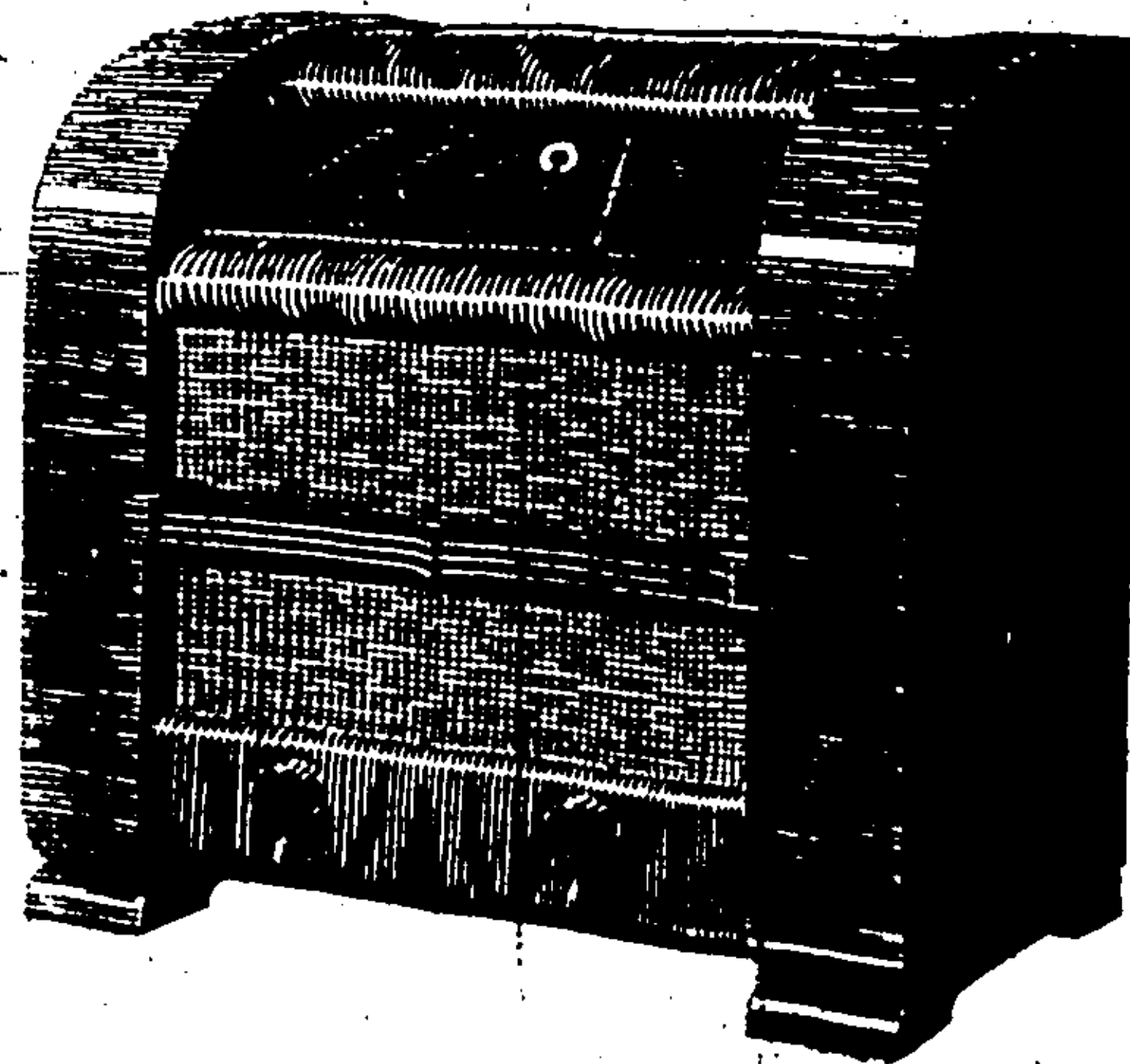
YUGOSLAVIA APPROVES

Belgrade, To-day.

Although no official comment is available on the Anglo-Franco-Turkish agreement, headlines and the presentation of the news shows that it has the unqualified approval of the Yugoslavian press.—Reuter.

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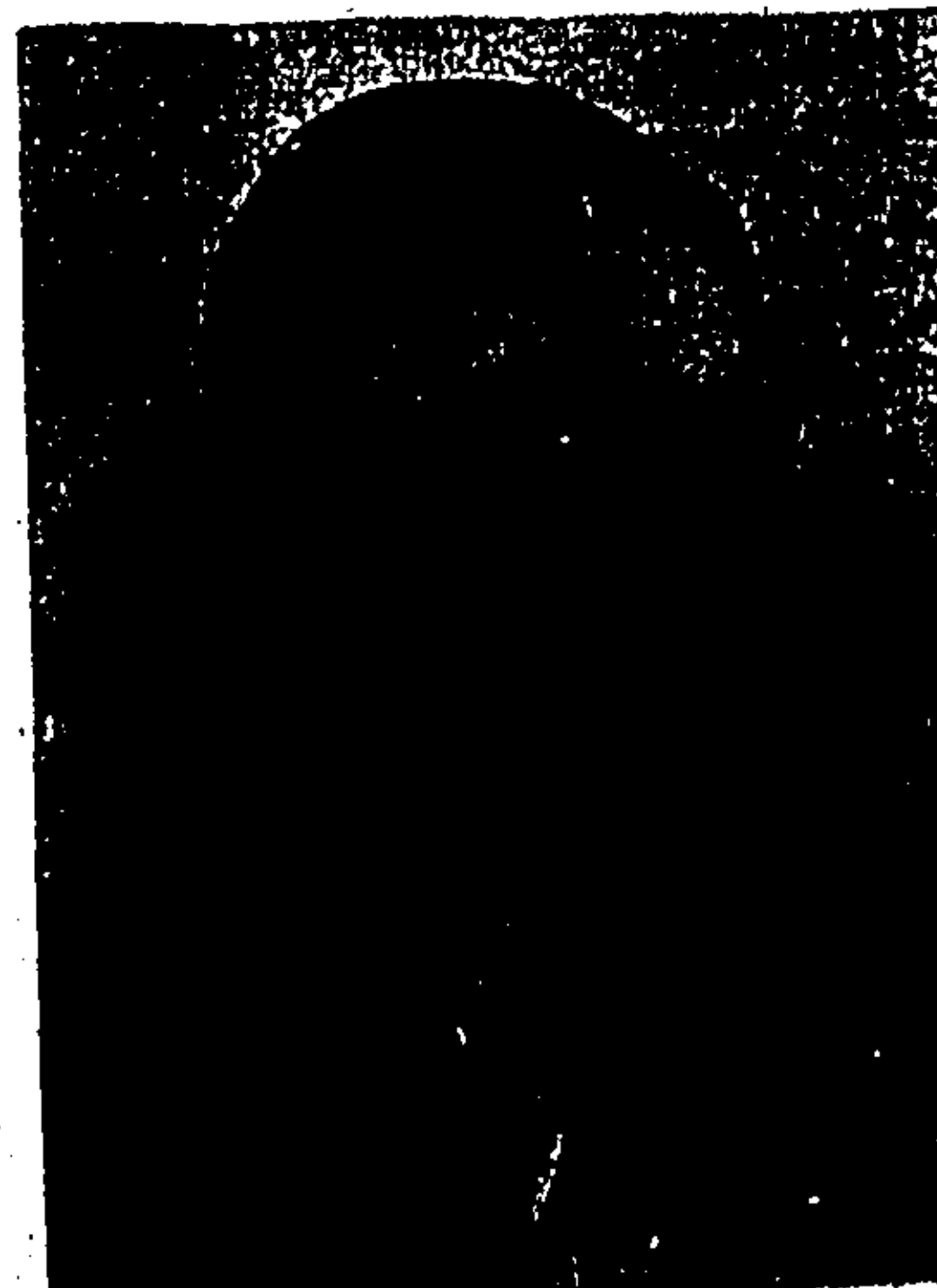
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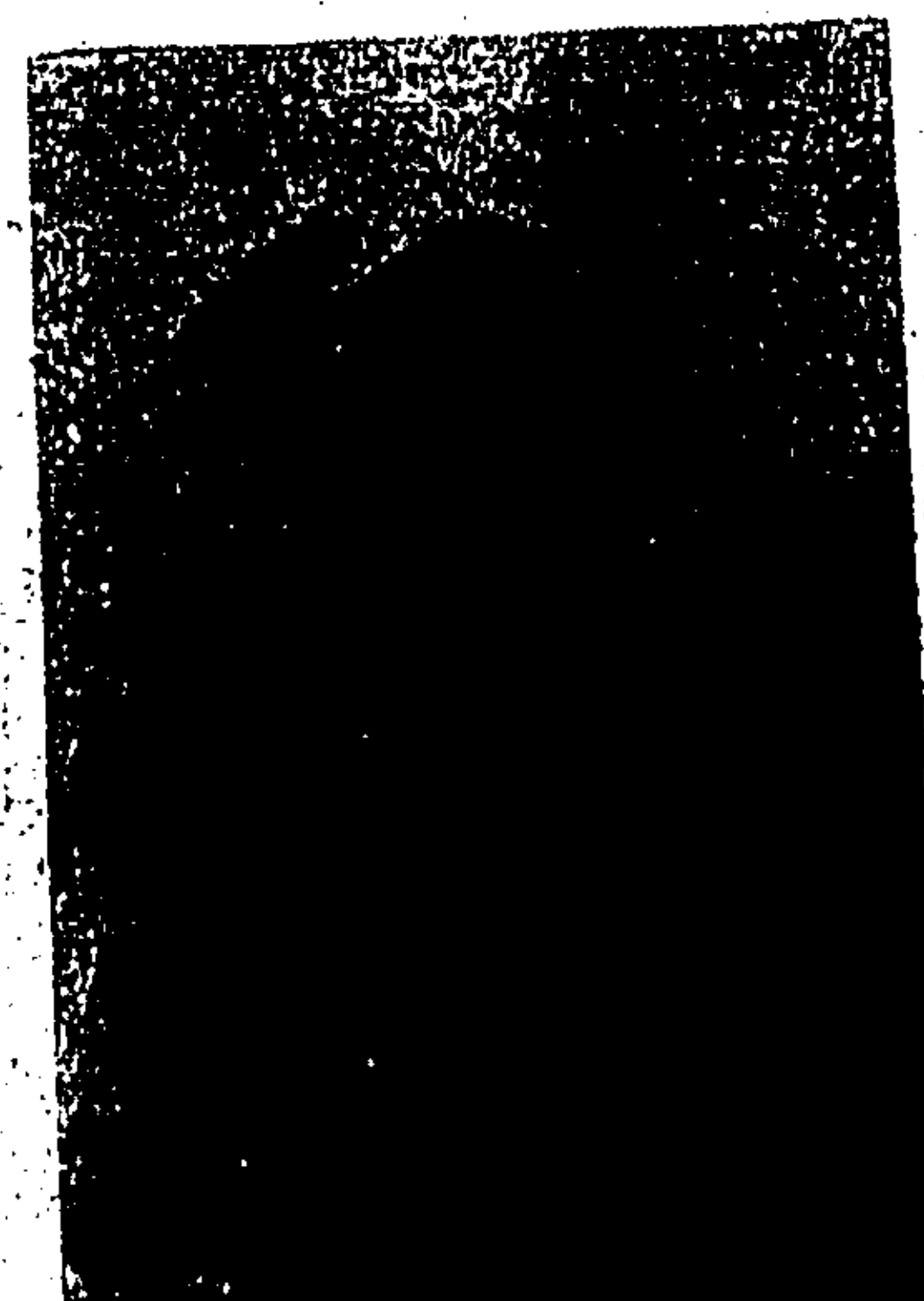
Mrs. Anne Archbold, American society leader, who is going on the expedition with the "Cheng Ho." Taken just after the successful launching of the junk.



A demonstration of racing strokes by Mrs. V. Murrell, ex-British sprint champion, who represented Great Britain at the 1924 and 1928 Olympic Games, taken on Friday at the Army Children's School swimming meet.



Mr. Mok Hing-yiu, King Edward VII Scholar, 1939, and Gold Medalist of St. Stephen's College. He is the son of Mr. Mok Kah-pang.



Mrs. M. G. O'Connell, greeting a friend at the last Race Meeting.

EYE-WITNESS STORY

BATTLE
IN NORTH
SEA

Oslo, Oct. 12.

A vivid account of a battle at sea between five British warships and some 150 German warplanes was given today by eye-witnesses of the impressive conflict. They were members of the crew of a little Norwegian fishing-boat which was caught for a while in the maelstrom of shells and bombs.

The battle took place off Viking Bank last Monday, the crew was quoted in the newspaper "Sunnmoersposten Aalesund." A spokesman for the Norwegian fishermen, who hails from Herøye, County Oere, gave a narrative of the encounter:

"The Kvaløey, our boat, was off Viking Bank and we were fishing when a great number of planes suddenly appeared from the west, twisting and turning above five British warships. The raiders dropped smoke bombs and explosives, while the ships used their anti-aircraft guns in a rapid-fire attack on the Germans.

"The Kvaløey soon was caught in the centre of the battle, with bombs dropping all round. There seemed to be about 150 planes taking part in the encounter, which lasted 90 minutes, with the British vessels maintaining a terrific speed and zig-zagging all the time.

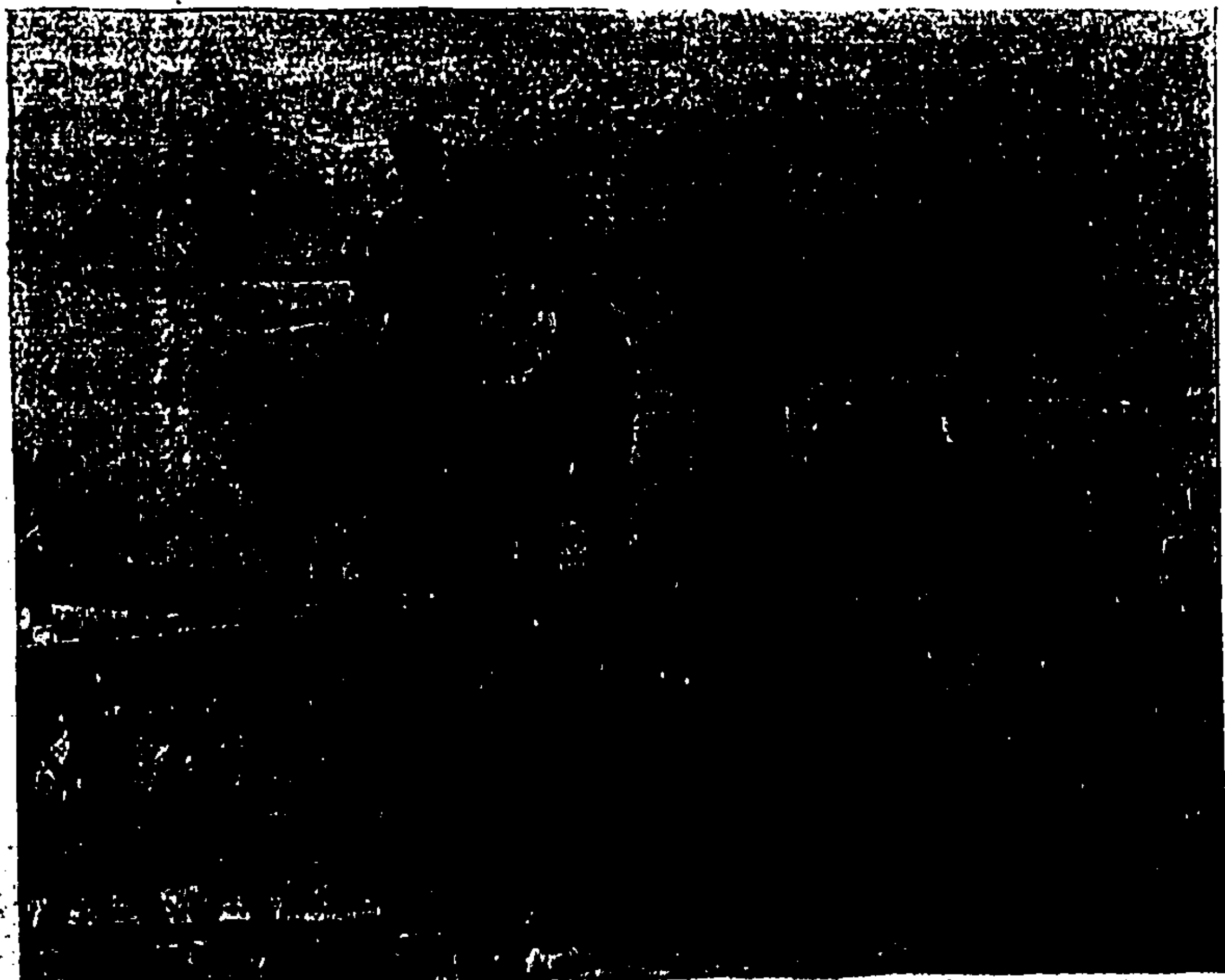
NO APPARENT RESULTS

"Finally, the warships disappeared in the west, while the planes turned tail and went eastward. As far as we could see," the spokesman continued, "neither the warships nor the air raiders were hit.

"During the clash, when we were in the middle of it with bombs dropping all round, we made ready to get into our small lifeboat if necessary. We cut our fishing-lines and tried to draw away to the west, but ships and planes moved westward, too, and we had to change on course several times not to be rammed by the warships or hit by the planes.

"When the din of battle died away, we found our fishing-lines again. No ships or planes were to be seen.

"Shortly after, however, we heard a violent explosion and saw flames lighting up the sky to the west. Later a great red plane zoomed out of the west, circled over the site of the battle in our vicinity, and then disappeared," the fishermen's spokesman concluded, according to the "Sunnmoersposten Aalesund." — Havas.



Not Army light-rope walkers. The men are taught to carry equipment across a hastily constructed box-girder bridge. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

BRITAIN MUST BE READY
TO FACE SAVAGE AIR
RAIDS: OFFICIAL ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

SIR JOHN ANDRESON, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security (in charge of A.R.P.) replied in the House of Commons yesterday to critics of the civil defence organisations, and said that in the light of experience the organisations would be modified.

Our preparations, Sir John declared, were based on the assumption that we would have to meet an enemy attempt to deliver a knock-out blow from the air.

This had not yet happened but there was no question of wholesale demobilisation of civil defence personnel.

No-one could say when an attack would be launched in earnest.

Referring to the Auxiliary Fire Service, Sir John said it was proposed to maintain first line units, in which the men would give their full time, and second line units, where it would be a part time job and men would be called on as required.

The first line would be about half its present strength, but in the major centres there would be no reduction of personnel. — Reuters.

HEJAZ
PILGRIMAGE
PROGRAMME

London, To-day.

Some misunderstanding has been caused by an announcement made in India on 11th September of the postponement, until further notice, of sailings from Indian ports to Jedda in connection with the Hejaz Pilgrimage.

This announcement was one of the regrettable but inevitable consequences of the outbreak of war.

It was issued as a precautionary measure, only certain sailings being cancelled, and these only for a temporary period.

Both His Majesty's and the Government of India are alive to the great importance of providing adequate facilities for the safe transport of Muslims wishing to undertake the pilgrimage.

The Government of India are negotiating with the shipping companies with a view to settling the details.

An announcement has already been made to the Press in India that arrangements are being made for the resumption of sailings to Hejaz. — British Wireless.

A.R.P. IN
BRITAIN
CRITICISED

London, To-day.

In the Commons yesterday, the Minister for Home Security, in a statement on civil defence personnel, said that the critics should remember the anticipated air attacks might still take place, and the Government was under a duty to provide an adequate defence service.

Civil defence was quite a new part of national security and it was formed without any experience of the needs.

Local authorities, and his Department, were now in a position to review the schemes in the light of experience and although there was no question of wholesale demobilisation of the whole-time civil personnel, the whole position was being considered.

It was proposed to form a first line defence, consisting mainly of whole-time personnel, and a second line consisting mainly of part-time volunteers. — British Wireless.

U.S. SHIPS
MAY TRADE

Washington, To-day.

Democratic Senators have agreed to their amendments to the Bill by which they hope American ships can trade with certain ports.

They have listed ports beyond the war zone, with which American ships may trade, though the President may close the ports to American shipping if he thinks it necessary.

All European ports are excluded. Meanwhile the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has announced that the President's ban on submarines only applied to the three-mile limit. The question of armed merchantmen was still being considered. — Reuters.

FRENCH AIR
FORCE VERY
ACTIVE

Paris, Oct. 14.

On an average, eight reconnaissance flights were carried out daily over Germany by the French Air Force during the five weeks between the outbreak of the war, September 3, and October 7, it was announced today.

In all, there were 200 day reconnaissance flights, and 60 night flights. In these, the French craft were met with anti-aircraft fire and by enemy pursuit planes, but nevertheless brought back a great number of valuable photographs of the Siegfried Line and other German fortified position.

The activity of the French planes was characterized, it was stressed, by intensive reconnoitering and an absence of bombing.

German craft also failed to bomb France, but their reconnaissance flights were far less successful than the French for in most instances their planes were hardly able to leave their bases before they were compelled to land or flee from French planes.

On both sides, it was declared, pursuit planes were most active and German craft often attacking a French observation planes, which carried out many long-distance flights deep into Germany.

VALUABLE RESULTS ACHIEVED

The results achieved on these informative missions gave the French Headquarters valuable reports on German troop concentrations, communication and transport facilities and their use and other similar matters of military interest.

A number of aerial flights were staged and French airmen displayed both skill and courage to down 24 enemy craft while they lost only eight of their own.

The showing of the French Air Force during this initial period of warfare was held by military quarters here to be "most satisfying." — Havas.

CAUGHT WITH A
DAGGER

Charged with possession of a dagger, Tang Sang, 30, was this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth.

Tang was seen acting suspiciously in Kowloon City. The dagger, wrapped in a paper parcel, was found concealed in his girdle.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

AMERICA'S POSITION

What is likely to happen in the European war was made clear by Mr. Elliot Roosevelt, the U.S. President's son, in a recent broadcast. He said that America would not keep out. He did not advocate either abstention of intervention, but merely voiced the opinion of every experienced observer that with Democracy attacked, American public opinion would force active intervention, probably within six months.

American troops will probably not be sent to Europe, but all other possible help will be given.—"English Speaking World."

HITLER'S VOLTE-FACE

Of all those outside Germany who have persisted up to now in adopting a favourable attitude towards Hitler and his Nazism those only will remain henceforth who, either by reason of crass stupidity or for the sake of personal gain, refuse to yield to the lesson of the Nazi-Soviet pact of non-aggression.

To-day, the Nazis' "eternal war against Bolshevism" is ended. Nay, more: It is shown up to have been a trumped-up opportunist stunt, devoid of every shred of sincerity. So may it well be with all the so-called principles which they have been screaming in the ears of humanity for the past six years.—"Jewish Chronicle."

THREE MISTAKES

Adolf Hitler made three mistakes in his campaign.

In the first place he should have struck against Poland on August 24. That was the day when Joachim Ribbentrop returned from Moscow with the Soviet signature in his pocket. Hitler should have used the momentary moral shock to the world to smoke-screen his attack on Poland.

The second was the cancellation of the great speeches arranged for him at Tannenberg and for General von Brauschitch over the radio, and the postponement of the Nazi Rally. For the first time the blind Nazi followers of Hitler began to sense that the Fuehrer was, after all, not infallible and that things were not going all his way this time.

The third and, perhaps, greatest mistake was the issue of food rationing tickets before the guns had been fired.—"News Digest."

FOOD RATIONING IN GERMANY

It is reported from Berlin that no more private cars are to be seen in Berlin since drivers seem to have exhausted their petrol supplies.

Complaints about the rationing of the public become more and more outspoken, not only because the rations allotted are in themselves inadequate but also because the system of distributing does not seem to work sufficiently smoothly.

Unrest is reported from many public markets in Berlin and other cities, where the grumbling of housewives took on such proportions that the

THE COVENANT AND THE GOVERNMENT

While professing to stand by the Covenant, and describing it sometimes as our sheet anchor, we have in practice when it comes to taking risks, applied two standards; for the law and the Covenant, very little risk indeed; for the protection of our own special interests, very great risks if necessary.

So long as we fail to grasp the moral principles of defence, our policy will become amoral, if not immoral, and we shall remain as insecure as we are to-day, twenty years after the defeat of the aggressor, who has now returned, a greater menace than ever. Is our next victory over him to be as effective?—Sir Norman Angell.

GERMANY'S FINANCES

It is in no very promising position that the Reich contemplates entering upon a war. Financially and economically the Germans have paid the price of war strain long before hostilities have begun. In that sense the German economy is much less strong than it was 25 years ago when the profits of peace were enjoyed right up to zero hour.

The Third Reich is more ready in many ways than William II's Empire. Preparedness has been made a way of life, but it has been a desperately hard regime, and Germany is at bottom no stronger now, to say the least, for having placed herself in a state of economic siege for years before the first shots were fired.—"Economist."

QUESTIONS

Let us be thankful that Parliament can still meet!

In the general black-out of news, streets, entertainments, and normal ways of life, the House of Commons appears dimly shining through the gloom—the sole place where questions can be asked and answered, and a little "information" extracted concerning the course of the war.

Yesterday the questions were many and varied. No wonder!

For these, out of a hundred problems, need consideration—

(1) Why we must live in a blackness not imposed on French cities.

(2) Why, in consequence, we must nightly slay scores of stumbling pedestrians.

(3) Why all recreation must therefore cease.

(4) Why, in consequence, thousands of workers in entertainment trades must be thrown out of employment.

(5) Why a fracas of contradictions, hastily issued and hysterically withdrawn, calls itself "information."

(6) Whether there is not some simple way of co-ordinating minor efforts on the Home Front so as to stop mud-dlers contradicting other mud-dlers.

(7) Whether, in order to fight Hitlerism (which is dictatorship), we have to be treated ourselves in an unnecessarily dictatorial manner.—"Daily Mirror"

RESISTANCE IN THE CZECH PROTECTORATE

It is now clear that the Czechs will remain a thorn in the Nazi side. Czech workmen who have been transferred to the Reich have already made contact with the underground movement and increased the anxieties of the Gestapo.

Last week, in Brun, Nazi party leaders were disturbed by a speech instructing them, if evacuation was necessary, to retire in good order, and leave all property intact. It is doubtful how far the factories can be worked. This also applies to Austria, where Socialist activities are increasing.—"New Statesmen and Nation."

GERMAN ATTACK IN FORCE CONFIRMED: FRENCH RETIRE SIX MILES ON WIDE FRONT

Paris, To-day.

THAT THE FRENCH withdrawal in accordance with plan was carried out at certain points to a depth of six miles is disclosed in the latest official communique issued by French G.H.Q.

It is stressed in all reports from the front, however, that the region affected is only that immediately east of the Moselle and Saarbrücken, Saarlouis and Zweibrücken are still within the effective control of French artillery.

The communique issued late last evening states: "During the day there were numerous patrols on either side, more especially in the region east of the Moselle."

"Our artillery was particularly active in the same district."

"It is confirmed by information gathered that the Germans launched an attack in force on October 16 at a spot some four miles east of the Moselle and on a broad front to the east."

"Cavalry units, with infantry support, were left alone to keep contact after the withdrawal of the bulk of the divisions which conducted the offensive at the beginning of September had withdrawn, in accordance with orders received at the very beginning of the German artillery preparation."

SIX MILES

"This movement was successfully effected over the whole front on a depth at certain points which amounted to almost six miles."

"The units involved took their stand, as had been planned, on a line organised beforehand, far in advance of our systems of permanent fortifications and suffered only very light losses."

"However, one of these detachments, consisting of an officer and fifty men, was outflanked by the enemy. It defended itself gallantly. "After some fluctuations, the battle-front at present has been stabilised on the lines which had been planned."

"We took prisoners at different points."—Reuter.

HEAVY RAINS

Paris, To-day.

The heavy rain which has been falling on the western front is working on the side of the Allies.

The Rhine is in flood and casemates in the Siegfried Line are under water.

Casemates in the Maginot Line, which are two feet higher, are not yet affected.

The main fortifications in the Maginot Line are, of course, well above flood level.

There has been no major engagement since Monday when the German offensive was repulsed.

GREAT ACTIVITY

The Germans are using the lull to reinforce or relieve their front lines, and there is great activity behind the enemy lines.

The French lines are now more solidly defended than ever.

From Luxembourg it is reported that French artillery began a heavy bombardment of the Perl district at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Perl is one mile inside the German border and was the scene of the recent German offensive and the French counter-attack.—Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR FORCE SINKS U-BOAT

Ottawa, To-day.

Canadian air force planes have carried out a successful attack on a German U-boat in the north Atlantic.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT SCOPE AS MEDIATOR

Washington, To-day.

Despite ample recent indications that President Roosevelt does not intend involving himself in European arbitration in order to secure peace on Hitler's terms, Senators opposing the arms embargo repeal continue to harp on the desirability of the President arbitrating.

Containing the neutrality debate, Senator McCarran declared that if only President Roosevelt would not insist on repeal, he would be in a strong position to mediate in Europe, but if he insisted in changing the status of the Country's neutrality now, he would disqualify himself as a disinterested neutral.

Senator Wheeler voiced the opinion of some conservative quarters, declaring that communism, not Nazism, is the world's real enemy.—Reuter.

GERMANS IN HOLLAND TO PAY TAX

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.

German residents in Holland have been requested by the German Legation here to pay the fifty per cent. increase in income tax decreed in the Reich as a war surtax.

The following letter has been forwarded to German residents in this country by the German Minister: "The Fuehrer has decreed in Germany that the income tax will be increased by 50 per cent. as a supplementary war tax. It is our duty not to show less of a spirit of sacrifice than our fellow-countrymen in Germany, and to pay our share to the Winter Relief plus a sum equivalent to our share of the war tax."

The intensification of German propaganda in the Netherlands is being noted with deep concern by the press and by public opinion.

The staff of the German Legation has been increased to such an extent lately that new premises had to be rented since the outbreak of the war to make room for the new offices. The same thing, it is reported, has occurred in Brussels.—Havas.

HOLLAND'S AIR DEFENCE

Amsterdam, To-day.

A.R.P. in the Netherlands are to be intensified.

Gas-masks will be on sale at post offices as from Monday, and the Amsterdam Municipality is spending an extra £170,000 on air raid shelters and other preparations.—Reuter.

TO COUNTER NAZI CHARGES

Nairobi, To-day.

There are 160 Germans interned in a camp on the outskirts of Nairobi.

They are accommodated in single rooms and can listen in to the radio and write letters. Visitors are allowed on certain days.

Recreation marquees have been set up in the camp and there is a canteen.

Most of the German women in Kenya are remaining in their homes, but 70 who were stranded on lonely farms are allowed to live in Nairobi hotels.

They are almost entirely free and their children are attending Government schools.

There is no trouble in the internees' camps between Germans and their guards, and the tone of the camp is happy.

In Rhodesia, of 154 aliens interned, 104 are men who are in camp at Salisbury.—Reuter.

660 INTERNEES IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

There are now 660 internees in this country, and the number is likely to increase.

Three camps are in use.—Reuter.

NO MEAT AND NO BUTTER

London, To-day.

Germans were given further advice by the Berlin radio announcer yesterday in connexion with food rationing.

The announcer suggested menus which contained no meat and no butter.

He also announced that German troops and labour service men were drinking tea made from strawberry and blackberry leaves.—Reuter.

FRAU VON RIBBENTROP A RIOT!

London, To-day.

Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, and his wife were nearly mobbed in Berlin yesterday, according to a reliable report received via Paris.

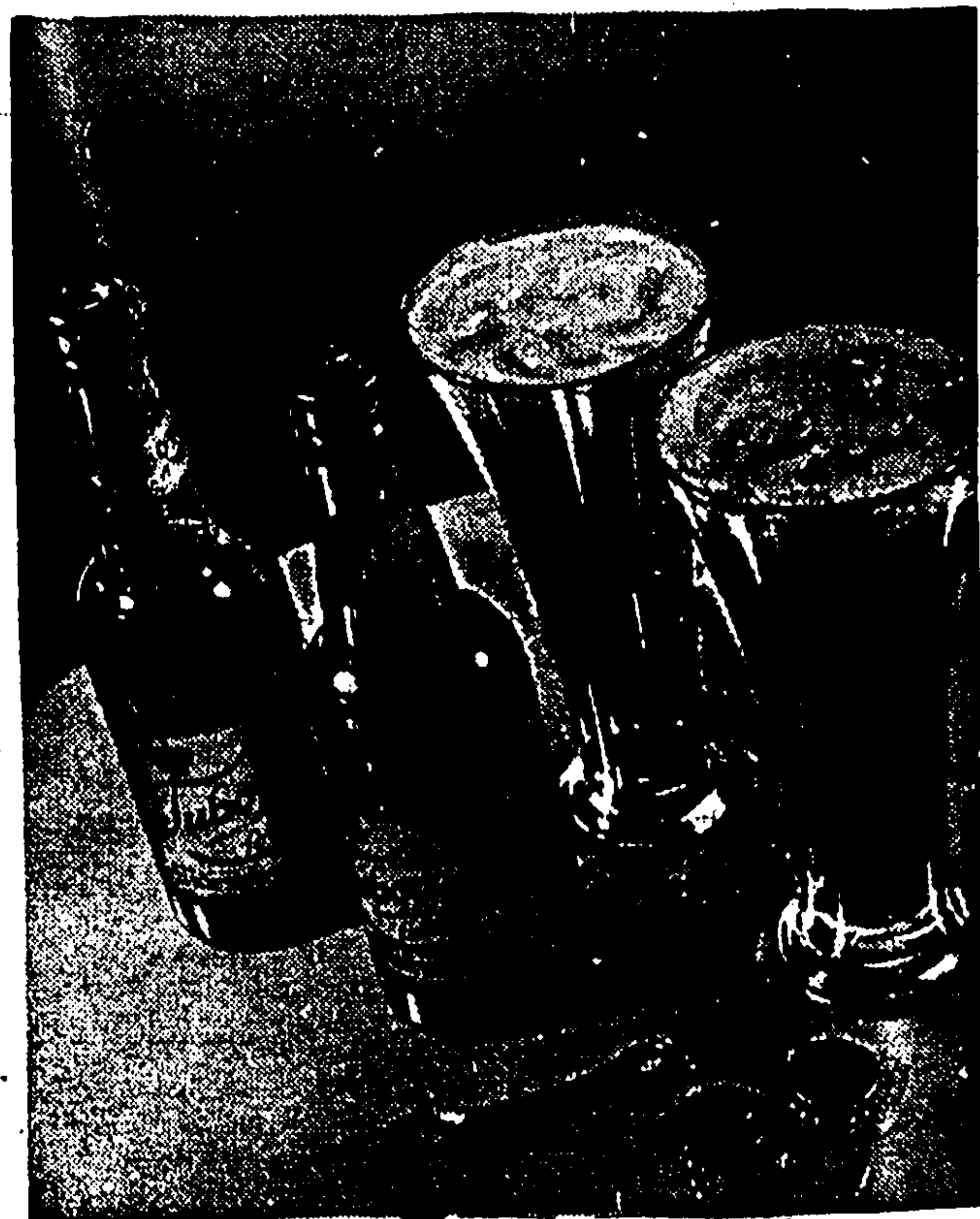
It appears that they were attending a meeting of women at which Frau von Ribbentrop was to deliver an address on clothes in wartime.

One of the audience jumped up and shouted that Frau von Ribbentrop was too well dressed to talk to them on how to economise on clothes.

Other women said it was all very well for the Foreign Minister's wife to talk on clothes when they had to be content with imitation dresses.

The meeting developed into a riot, and the von Ribbentrops were escorted by detectives as they left the hall.—Reuter.

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TWO DAYS IN DINGHY IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE TWO GERMAN AIRMEN WHO DRIFTED ASHORE AT WHITBY (YORKS) IN A COLLAP-SIBLE RUBBER DINGHY YESTER-DAY PROVIDED PROOF THAT A FIFTH NAZI BOMBER HAD BEEN BROUGHT DOWN IN TUESDAY'S RAID.

The men, whose two companions in the bomber were killed, said they had been at sea since the plane crashed on Tuesday evening.

It is now apparent that more than one-third of the Nazi raiders were brought down.—Reuter.

The German airmen are now in the charge of the police. One of survivors is wounded in the leg and both were in an exhausted condition. — British Wireless.

BULGARIAN PREMIER'S DEMAND

SOFIA, TO-DAY.
M. KIOSSEIVANOFF, THE BUL-GARIAN PREMIER, WHO RESIGN-ED YESTERDAY, HAS BEEN ASK-ED TO FORM A NEW GOVERN-MENT.

Object of the resignation was ap- parently to obtain wider powers, and the new Government is expected to demand plenary powers.

The last government was non- party and had been in office since November last.—Reuter.

RATIONING PLANS

London, To-day.
Bacon imports from Den- mark, which have been sus- pended for a fortnight, are now to be resumed.

The Ministry of Food also announ- ced yesterday that rationing plans in this country are well advanced.

Ration books will be issued at least 10 days before the introduction of ra- tioning, so that people will have plenty of time to register with the shops.—Reuter.

BALLOON ADRIFT

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A GERMAN OBSERVATION BAL- LOON WHICH DRIFTED ON THE WESTERN FRONT INTO THE BRI- TISH LINES IS NOW BEING EX- AMINED AT BRITISH HEADQUAR- TERS.

The wire cable attached to the balloon fouled overhead cables and interrupted the local electricity sup- ply for 10 minutes. The balloon was set on fire.—Reuter.

PREMIER LUNCHES WITH KING

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister and Mrs. Chamberlain were the guests of the King and Queen at a luncheon at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — Bri- tish Wireless.

Stockholm, To-day.
THE HEADS OF THE Scandinavian States broad- cast from the Royal Palace in Stockholm yester- day morning.

King Gustav of Sweden emphasised the importance of Nordic neutrality and the value of the soli- darity of the Scandinavian countries.

King Christian of Denmark described the meeting of the Scandinavian countries as a logical sequence to the conference at Malmo in the first year of the last war. His broadcast struck a note of hope for the future.

King Haakon of Norway said that Scandinavian co-opera- tion might provide a model for the whole world.

President Kallio of Finland said the Russian demands of Finland were serious but he hoped the Soviet would respect her agreements, which provided for the settle- ment of differences by peaceful means.

He declared that the support grant- ed to Finland by the other Scandina- vian countries was not limited to words but had taken expression in action.

President Roosevelt, meanwhile, has sent a message to the conference expressing American sympathy for Scandinavian neutrality.

Similar telegrams have been re- ceived from other American Republics, expressing sympathy with the aims of the conference.

Great crowds gathered outside the Royal Palace to cheer the various leaders as they arrived.

LONG LIVE FINLAND
President Kallio was greeted with repeated cheers as he appeared on the balcony, and there were shouts of "Long live Finland."

Meanwhile, the Norwegian Defence Minister has announced that Norway has been increasing the defences on her northern border.—Reuter.

FINNISH ATTITUDE
Helsinki, To-day.
The newspaper owned by the Fin- nish Foreign Minister declared yes- terday:

"Finland will not accept any pact by which Russia will decide how the safety and independence of our country are to be ruled." The Finnish envoy to Moscow is not expected to return to the Soviet before Monday.

In his broadcast to Finland from Stockholm yesterday, the Finnish President declared:

"We wish for nothing but to live in peace on our own soil but we are united in defence of our liberty."—Reuter.

FINAL DISCUSSIONS
Stockholm, To-day.
Before the official broadcasts, the four Foreign Ministers of the nor- thern countries had met to continue discussions and then proceeded to the Palace where the talks conclud- ed in a full session at which the Kings of Norway, Sweden and Den- mark and the President of Finland were present.

President Kallio said: "Finland is placing her trust in God and the justice of her cause."

"The peace-loving Finnish people will unanimously defend their in- dependence while only desiring to live in peace on their own soil."

"They will hope to the last that her powerful neighbour will respect the pacific agreements made with Finland. These included conditions expressly providing for a peaceful settlement of possible differences."

"Finland stands by her under- takings."

TROUBLING ALL STATES
The King of Sweden said:—

"We have already found that hos- tilities affect even the interests of neutrals, and consequently the same difficulties are troubling all the states of the Oslo group."

"The Northern Peoples are per-

meated with a common desire to live in peace with all nations.

"My dearest hope is that we may contribute to the restoration of peace, for all the peoples yearn for peace and security."

The King of Denmark hoped that the meeting would be a fruitful one for the Northern Countries and bene- ficial to other nations.

The Northern Nations were in- spired with feelings of solidarity and the same wish to maintain their common neutrality as in 1914.—Reu- ter.

CONFERENCE OVER

Stockholm, To-day.
The four-power Scandina- vian conference ended here last evening.

A communique says that the three Scandinavian Kings and the President of Finland, together with their Foreign Ministers, examined the difficulties they were faced with a maintaining strict neutrality.

They unanimously decided to con- tinue the talks on matters affecting neutrality and trade relations. — Reuter

SIR V. SASSOON'S DONATION

Shanghai, To-day.
Sir Victor Sassoon, the famous fin- ancier, has donated \$1,000,000 to the British War Fund in Shanghai. The sum will be paid in twelve monthly instalments. — Reuter.

POPE WILL DENOUNCE NAZI PAGANISM

Rome, To-day.
It is learned on the highest au- thority at the Vatican that the Papal Encyclical is to be entitled "Against the ruinous doctrines of our times." It will denounce the credo of atheism and the new paganism of the Nazis.—Reuter.

GERMANS TO SETTLE IN CORRIDOR

London, To-day.
Two thousand Germans from the Baltic States, who are being evacuated to Ger- many, are due at Gdynia (Poland) to-day.

They will stay in Gdynia until plans have been completed for their settlement in the Corridor.

In Berlin, the "Diplomatische Kor- respondenz" admitted that Germans from the Baltic States were being called on to make heavy sacrifices in leaving their homes and going to Poland.

"New and hard tasks await them," declared the Nazi journal.

Meanwhile, Moscow radio announ- ced that Germans in the Soviet-occupi- ed areas of Poland would have to become Germans if they did not re- turn to the Reich.—Reuter.

ARRESTS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.
Twelve young Chinese men and women were arrested by the Japanese in the French Concession yesterday. The Japanese were accompanied by French police.

The arrested are alleged to be members of an anti-Japanese or- ganisation with headquarters in the Concession.—Our Own Correspondent.

FLIGHT OVER GERMANY

London, To-day.
The Air Ministry announce that R.A.F. planes carried out another suc- cessful reconnaissance flight over north-western Germany on Wednes- day night. All our planes returned to their bases safely. — Reuter.



BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE.—Stripped to the waist, and tat- toed, British Tommies, do their bit on arrival in France. (British Of- ficial Photograph. Crown Copyright Reserved).

News Snack Bar

13 JOBS ADDED TO RESERVED SCHEDULE

MINISTRY OF LABOUR announces in a revised edition of the Schedule of Reserved Occupations, that a number of additional reservations are included.

Thirteen occupations included in the new schedule which were not in the January schedule are:

Brick and tile makers, cutlery workers, wire goods makers, specialised textile machinery fittings and accessory makers.

TIME LIMPS ON

Time may march on, but its pace is not brisk in the backwater of Malew, village in the Isle of Man. In 1919 a carnival was held there to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty. This week a meeting is to be held of the committee which organised the event to square up accounts and make their final report.

He Learned About "Spiffs"

Mr. Registrar Friend, who usually sits at Clerkenwell, went to Shoreditch County Court and learned a new word. Detailing his earnings, a man referred to his occasional commission as "spiffs."

Lorry Fire Stops

Traffic on the Bridgton and Scarborough main road was held up for an hour when a lorry caught fire.

Lifeboat's 117-Mile

Range

Fleetwood's new motor lifeboat, built with a Manchester woman's legacy, has a range of 117 miles and a speed of 8 1/4 knots.

Cmdr. Stephen King-Hall will pay a visit to Paris in the immediate future.

Textile workers, tailors, senior office and clerical staffs, works managers, assistant works managers, factory managers, department managers and other grades above foremen.

Fruit and seed growers, leather tanners, dressers, and leather goods makers.

EDITORIAL STAFFS

Editorial staffs of newspapers, periodicals and news agencies (not included in the January schedule).

Navvies. The new list also includes certain workers engaged in printing, book-binding and publishing, pottery manufacture (not included in the January schedule).

A man who follows an occupation listed in the revised schedule cannot be accepted for whole time service in any of the national defence services unless below the age stated.

He can volunteer for part-time service in civil defence.

A Ministry of Labour announcement about the revised schedule states:—

"The armed forces and the civil defence services need men and in particular at the present time numbers of tradesmen for tradesmen's work in the forces.

"At the same time production required for the prosecution of the war and the maintenance of the life of the people is of vital importance.

"The main purpose of the schedule is to secure that the armed forces and the civil defence services obtain such men, especially tradesmen as they require, with the minimum of disturbance to essential production and services."

The last of the independent volunteers corps of the former Austria, the "Marksmen of Tyrol," has now been dissolved.



Whilst one soldier fires at the enemy, his companion reports to headquarters via his portable radio set. The soldiers using the corn and countryside as camouflage in training manoeuvres. (Copyright, Fox).

Baby Girl Found

A three-weeks-old girl, well nourished, was found in a telephone kiosk at King's Cross Underground railway station.

Suspicious Bag

A gladstone bag found in a block of flats in Bloomsbury was opened by a policeman, revealing a quantity of clothing—and an alarm clock.

Music Shop Raided

Early morning raiders, who used two cars, stole £50 worth of musical instruments from a shop at Chertsey, Surrey, but being apparently disturbed left behind piano accordions valued at £300.

Tenants Demand

House Repairs

The Federation of Tenants and Resident's Associations announced that several hundred members intended to serve notices upon building societies, which have not agreed to do repairs, asking them to do so at once. The Federation declared that it was prepared to bring test cases against societies which did not comply.

Another New Cruiser

The keel of the cruiser Gambia has been laid at Wallsend on the berth vacated by the cruiser Mauritius last week.

Modern "Pied Piper"

Attracting rats by a secret method inherited from an ancestor, Andrew Hutchison, of Ayton, Berwickshire, caught 650 of the animals at Middleham, North Yorkshire, in six days.

Fall From

Attie Window

Mr. Thomas Wood, 62, of London-road, St. Leonards, Sussex, who overbalanced when standing at an attic window and fell 50ft to the garden, is in a serious condition in hospital.

Presented From Court

From London police courts:—
Man at Tottenham: No, I am never out at night after 11 p.m. There's a lot of red tape in my house.
Woman at West London: I don't know much about motor-cars except that the steering wheel doesn't go round quite so fast as the other wheels.
Defendant at Willesden: I was taking my girl home . . . Magistrate: You are not charged with that.
Witness at Tottenham: It was still raining when I came out of the public-house. But it seemed a brighter kind of rain.

To replace men required for military purposes, 100 women are to be employed as conductors on the tram services in Dresden, Germany.

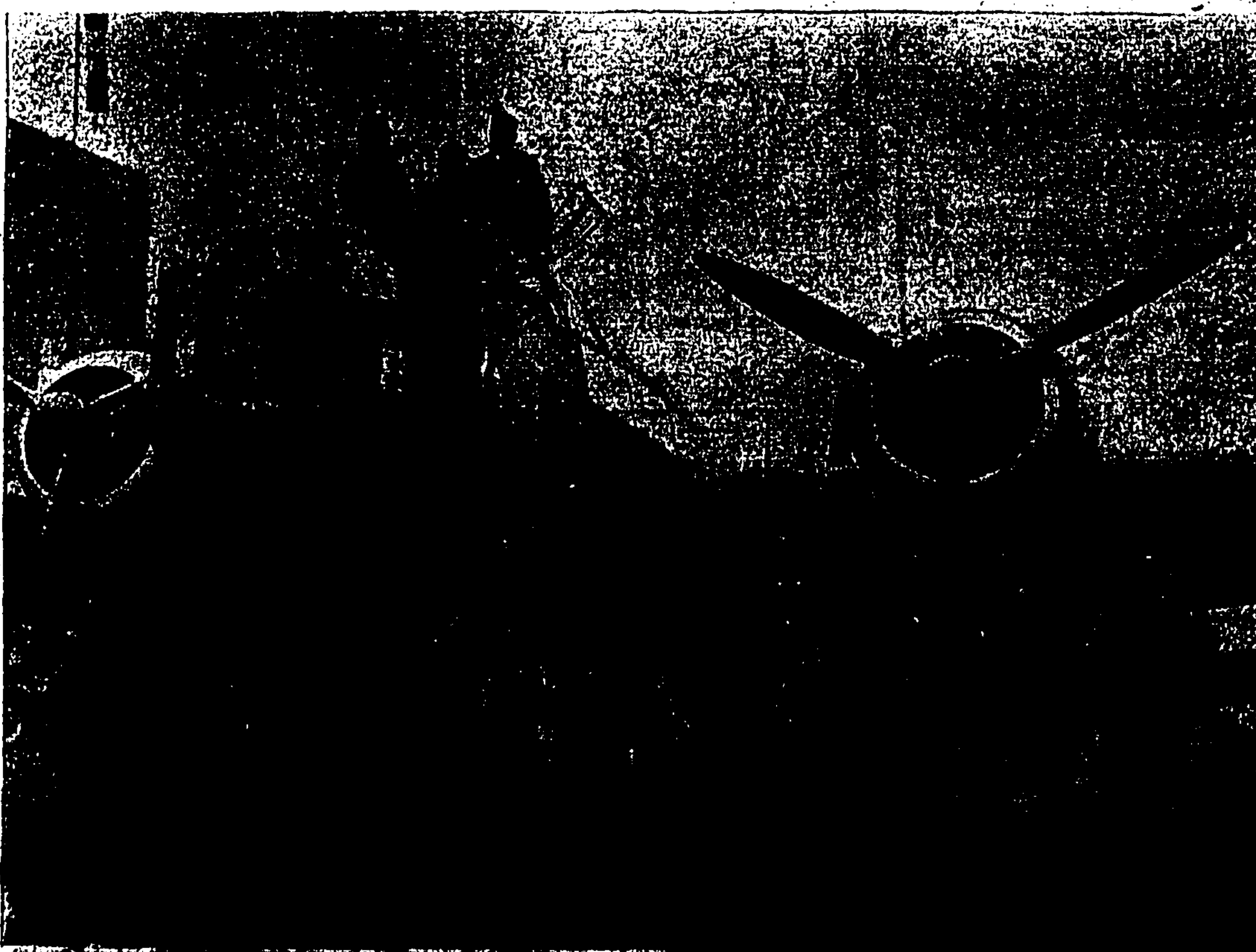
The first eight Morane 406 fighter planes which have been bought with voluntary contributions sent to the French National Defence Fund, has been presented to the Air Force.

Dr. Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, who recently returned from a voyage to India, is on holiday at Ascona, on Lake Maggiore, Switzerland, where he spent about two weeks last April.

One of the Soviet Army's foremost test pilots, Mikhail Alexeyev, was killed while trying out a new military aeroplane.

Quadruplets have been born in the town of Hengelo in the eastern part of the Netherlands, three of the babies being girls.

Twenty-three people were injured when a local passenger train and a goods train collided near Mannheim station, in the Rhineland.



Flying Officer . . . there explaining details of a Vickers Wellington bomber to Air Scouts. (Copyright, Fox).



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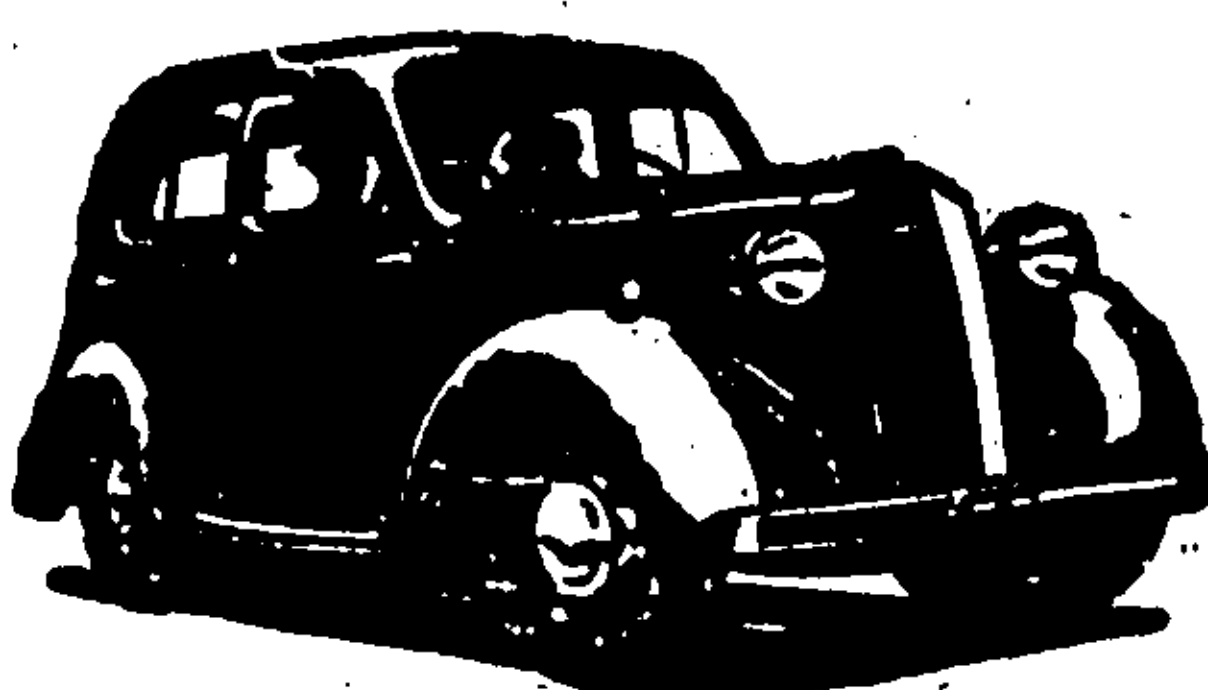
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SHORT STORY

DARK MOVES

By F. Morton Howard

The landlord of the "Cutlass and Cannon" tucked his thumbs into the armholes of his waistcoat, and, turning his eyes to the ceiling, fell to whistling in a markedly sarcastic manner. Whereat Mr. Samuel Butcher, of the not-so-good ship "Helping Hand," removed his elbows from among the glasses on the counter, and drew himself erect to scowl in high offence.

"Dontcher believe me?" he demanded.

The landlord substituted one form of musical expression for another. "Tell me the old, old story," he gently crooned.

"Awright, then!" roared Mr. Butcher. "Ask my mate, 'ere!"

"Pitch dark, it was!" supplied his colleague, Mr. Joseph Gabb, without awaiting interrogation. "And the seas was running mountains 'igh!"

"And 'e dived overboard, and stabbed the shark?" softly queried the landlord.

"Abserloutly!" declared Mr. Gabb. "And saved the nigger from drownin'."

"Ed 'im up in the water for more'n an hour, while we was cruisin' round in the ship's boat, searchin' for 'em," replied Mr. Gabb. "It all 'appened, word for word, like 'e's been tellin' you."

"On far was 'e from the boat when you spotted 'im?"

"A couple o' miles, at least."

"And 'ow did you manage to see 'im, if it was pitch dark?" persisted the landlord.

"There was—there was the lightnin', of course," said Mr. Gabb, after a just-perceptible pause.

"You never said nothing about lightning."

"Well, anyone what knows the—the tropics 'ud take that for granted," contended Mr. Gabb. "Of course it was lightnin'. It never stopped, bein' the tropics. The sky was just blue with lightnin' the 'ole of the time."

"Must a-been a dark night," commented the landlord.

"So it was," stoutly maintained Mr. Gabb, "for them parts."

"Well, and then what 'appened?" asked the landlord, yawning behind polite finger-tips.

"Dammme, what more do you expect to 'appen?" cried Mr. Butcher.

"I dunno," said the landlord. "That's up to you. I thought p'raps you went back and saved the blessed shark!"

"Sam, old man," remarked Mr. Gabb, with reluctant conviction, "'e don't believe you!"

"That's the truest word what's been spoken at this bar since you fellers come in," observed the landlord.

"You—don't—believe—" breathed Mr. Butcher.

The landlord smote upon his chest with his clenched fist.

"Indigestchun," he mentioned simply.

Well, when it comes to 'aving my word doubted by a pimply publican with gravy-stains on his weskit—" roared Mr. Butcher.

"That's enough of that!" snapped the landlord. "And less noise, too, please! Otherwise—"

Mr. Gabb ascertained that the glasses of himself and his shipmate were quite empty, and then took upon himself to reply.

"Thank you, but we don't want to stop 'ere no longer," he observed with hauteur. "We don't like your 'ouse, your beer's rotten, and you've got a face like a codfish, only not so 'uman. Come on, Sam, let's get along down to the 'Flag and Pennant'!"

"Aye, the 'Flag and Pennant,'" acquiesced Mr. Butcher, "where there's a landlord as is a landlord, and the beer is beer."

The two mariners were already heading towards the door when the landlord emitted a sudden delighted spitter.

"You and your nigger and your shark!" he derided. "I've stood a lot of your yarns, but now you've gone to far! I s'pose you ain't got the shark stuffed, over the mantelpiece, as evidence? Or maybe you in Mr. Butcher, could perdooce the nigger? If you

should happen to come across 'im, p'raps you'll bring him along 'ere to prove all you've been saying?"

"Yes, and then p'raps you'll erpologis?" growled Mr. Butcher.

"On me bended knees," humorously promised the landlord. "What's more, I'll stand you fellers all the drinks you could tackle."

"Safe offer," sneered Mr. Butcher, "when you knows we ain't likely to meet 'im!"

"Just what I was thinking," said the landlord, sweetly.

And the swing-door closed behind the two companions of the "Helping Hand," muffling from their ears the ribald mirth with which their departure was hailed by the company that remained.

Tacitly Mr. Butcher and Mr. Gabb forebore from discussion of the recent affront to their veracity until the hospitality of the "Flag and Pennant" should succeed in quenching some of the fire of their resentment. So, for awhile, Mr. Butcher crouched scowling over his drink and Mr. Gabb sullenly played himself at darts till at last Mr. Butcher roused himself to remark, "Oh well, blast 'im, any way!"

"I couldn't 'ave took 'is oath that neether of us 'ad ever been to the tropics," argued Mr. Gabb. "That's 'ow I look at it. What right 'ad 'e got to be so sure there wasn't a nigger or a shark, eh? Like 'is blessed sauce!"

"I'd like to take 'im down a peg or two," said Mr. Butcher, with a sort of fierce yearning. "My gore, wouldn't 'e look a perishin' fool if I was to take 'im the nigger to prove me words!"

"What nigger, Sam?" asked Mr. Gabb, gaping.

"I—I mean, if there 'ad been a nigger 'ose life I saved," explained Mr. Butcher. "When I think o' that landlord's blinkin' hinsolence—! Oh, I would like to take 'im down a peg or two with a ruddy good bump!"

"Can't see there's much 'ope—" Mr. Gabb was saying, when the door opened, and the two mariners automatically looked that way.

In the apartment there sauntered an individual upon whose head was a battered brown bowler hat, and round whose throat was twined a scarlet scarf. But it was not these articles of apparel that prompted Mr. Butcher and his companion to stare at the newcomer. It was the space between hat and scarf that gripped their attention, for clearly was it to be there noted that the newcomer was incontestably a gentleman of colour.

Two minds sprang to but a single thought. There was no need for speech to establish that agreement. The same rapt, relishing expression was deepening upon each sailorly visage, both countenances had that same look of a burgeoning faith in fairies.

"What did 'e say?" gloated Mr. Butcher. "Ed erpologise on 'is bended knees, and stand us all the drinks we wanted!" And to the newcomer he addressed an easy, affable, "Evenin', Jack!"

"Evenin', gents," returned the newcomer. "It sho' feels good to be back agen on dry mud, believe me!"

"What, a sailor?" exclaimed Mr. Butcher, charmed.

"Dat's me, bawss. Off'n de tanker 'Rushford Two,' just in berth down yonder. Off agen t'morrer night, but who keers? T'morrer still t'morrer, Ah guess!"

"Shore duds and a bit of a spree, ch, Jack?"

"Yo've said it, cap'n, 'cept dat ma name ain't 'Jack.' 'Abr'am Lincoln Washin'ton'—dat's me."

"And a swell name, too," approved Mr. Gabb. "And 'ow do you like the sea as a purfession, Mr. Washin'ton?"

"Guess Ah must be gittin' used to it," stammered the gentleman of colour. "Ah've done, had fifteen year of it, and Ah don't hite it much more now than when Ah started."

"Been round the world a few times," remarked Mr. Gabb. "Know the tropics pretty well, I s'pose?"

"Ever been saved from sharks when they come out well on the night?" thrust Mr. Butcher.

"Well no, bawss. Ah've nabbe pro-

ceeded quite dem lenth's, but—"

"If ever that 'ad 'appened to you," said Mr. Butcher, slowly, "it 'ud be worth free drinks to you for the rest of the evenin'. Are you sure, it ain't 'appened to you?"

With perplexed mien, Mr. Washington gazed upon the seaman.

"You did once 'ave a little adventure like that, you know," insisted Mr. Butcher draping his features into one vast wink. "Remember now, don't you? Why, it was me what saved you!"

"Ah don't 'member nothin'—"

"Maybe not," said Mr. Butcher, "but you're going to!"

And, aided by his shipmate, he went on to elucidate something of the situation to the coloured gentleman.

"So, you sees," he ended up, "it 'ud only serve that there landlord right for bein so unbelievin if we fixed things so as drinks was on him for the rest of the evenin'. As I told you, I've never seen again, from that day to this, the darkie 'ose life I saved; but what's to prevent you takin' 'is place, just for to-night? No one but us two won't know no better."

"You've only just come ashore," pointed out Mr. Gabb, "and you might never come 'ere again after to-morrer, so you'll be well out of that landlord's way, if ever 'e learns the truth. And we shall be off, on the tide, first thing in the mornin', so we shall be all right. And 'e can't go back on 'is word, promisin' us them drinks in front of the company, to say nothing of apologizin' to us 'andsome. Come, are you game?"

"Well, Ah don't know if Ah could do ma share well enough to get past him," demurred Mr. Washington.

"We'll teach you so's you could deceive your own mother!" declared Mr. Butcher, exultantly.

Ten minutes later, Mr. Butcher and Mr. Gabb quitted the "Flag and Pennant" with their new friend. They progressed joyously, and so evidently had Mr. Washington entered into the spirit of the affair that his smile of happy anticipation was not one whit less happy than the louder mirth of his companions.

But of a sudden Mr. Gabb became serious.

"Alf a mo, Sam!" he exclaimed. "Just thought o' something!"

And he detained Mr. Butcher in tense whispered conversation while Mr. Washington politely waited for them a yard or two away.

"Aye, well, if that's so, Joe," eventually said Mr. Butcher, out loud, "I'll 'ave to think of something to do about it."

And the trio walked on again.

It was just after they had rounded the corner of the narrow, twisted old side-street wherein the "Cutlass and Cannon" inn was situated that Mr. Butcher imposed another halt.

"Yes, I see now that you was right in what you surgested, Joe," he said.

"Owever, I've got that arranged for in me mind. My mate, 'ere," he observed to the gentleman of colour, "as got a idea what I've thought over and agrees with. We thinks it won't look too stinkin' life-like if you just rushes up and shakes 'ands with me as soon as you spots me. What you wants to do is to give a yell o' surprise, and then start treatin' everybody in the 'ouse, and then hexplain 'ow you've recognised me and wants everybody to drink the 'ealth of the man 'oo saved your life. See? When a bloke planks down good money, 'e's much more likely to be taken serious!"

"And what 'bout de cash for it?" demurred Mr. Washington.

"I'm seein' to that," replied Mr. Butcher, fumbling in his pockets.

"Ere you are—a ten-bob note!"

"Steady on, Sam, old man!" protested Mr. Gabb, in startled accents.

"That's a pretty 'igh price to pay to get a apology!"

"There'll be some change 'e can give me afterwards," said Mr. Butcher. "Besides which, I don't mind payin' a bob or two to teach that landlord a lesson. To say nothin' o' the free drinks I've promised 'us free drinks for the rest of the night, so we did count on 'e. And we comes out well on the night, don't we?"

"But ——" said Mr. Gabb.

"You oughter know by now, Joe, it's no good argyin' with me when me mind's made up. Come on, Darkie, there's the 'Cutlass and Cannon,' along there, on the other side of the road."

"Whatebber yo' says, bawss," smiled Mr. Washington, obligingly.

Leaving the gentleman of colour outside the hostelry, Mr. Butcher and Mr. Gabb made a cold, dignified entry.

"Ullo, come back, 'ave you?" observed the landlord. "Thought you didn't like my 'ouse?"

"Free country," briefly mentioned Mr. Butcher. "What are you going to 'ave, Joe, old man?"

"Well, I dunno," said Mr. Gabb, and while he was still apparently considering the question, the door opened to admit a coloured gentleman in a brown bowler hat and scarlet scarf.

Mr. Butcher glanced at him with affected unconcern, and then stared, and nudged Mr. Gabb.

"Well, if it ain't ——" murmured Mr. Gabb, wonderingly. "But it can't be!"

Mr. Abram Lincoln Washington advancing towards the counter, started dramatically at view of the two mariners.

"Waal, waal, waal!" he cried, and stood for awhile, blinking incredulously. Then he became dynamic again.

"Drinks for ebb'ry one in the room!" he commanded, planking down Mr. Butcher's note upon the counter.

"Ah'll tell yo' all for why when dey're served!"

"Reckon I know the reason," said Mr. Gabb, "and it's a dam' good one, too! Mine's a double whisky!"

"Same 'ere," said Mr. Butcher.

The landlord, refraining from comment, swiftly filled all orders.

"Gents all," said Mr. Washington. "Ah asks yo' to drink to the healf of this seafarin' gent, right heer! Dis gent's a hero, fo' sure! Say, does you know what he once done?"

"Yes," said the landlord, pushing some odds of change across the counter to the gentleman of colour. "He dived overboard in a gale," he recited, on a slightly watery note, "and stabbed a shark, and rescued you from drownin'."

"Dat's right!"

A hush held the room. Mr. Butcher cocked his chin proudly.

"Now p'raps you'll erpologise et cetera?" he suggested to the landlord.

"You—you don't mean to say he's really—?"

"Ain't he proved it hisself? Didn't 'e recognise me at a glance? Didn't me and my pal recognise 'im at once?"

"Aye, that's so," agreed the landlord, looking rather chapfallen. "Well, it cert'nly seems up to me to apologise and stand you fellers all them free drinks I spoke about, don't it?"

"That's the idea," agreed Mr. Butcher. (Continued on Page 17)



DARK MOVES

(Continued from Page 16)

cher, comfortably.

"Only," said the landlord, "I just ain't dam' well going to, see?"

He threw back his head and burst into laughter uncontrollable, and straightway the mirth became general. Patrons shouted and stamped with joy, with none yawping their glee louder than Mr. Abraham Lincoln Washington, and only the two mariners of the "Helping Hand" holding themselves stiffly aloof from the merriment.

"S-saved his life from the shark!" crowed the landlord, wiping his eyes. "Yes, we've been expecting you two to come back and produce the nigger! Why, I planted him on you, deliberate! I heard you say you was going on to the 'Flag and Pennant' and I just knew you'd jump at him, if you saw 'im walk in there! I thought of the idea before you left 'ere, and that's why I took care to lead you up the garden path a bit, before you left, with that talk of apologising and free drinks!"

"Do you meantersay that nigger's just been leading us on?" growled Mr. Butcher.

"I sent post 'aste for 'im, and told 'im where to go, and what to say! And you swallered it! Do you know who 'e really is? He's old Washington, our local window-cleaner, and he's lived in this town ever since 'e was a small boy, and never hardly slept a single night away from it, neether. And — and —" The landlord clung exhaustedly to the counter — "and you've been mugs enough, seemingly, to give him ten bob to help you out with the yarn you was 'oping to make me believe, and —"

"All right — all right!" irascibly interrupted Mr. Butcher. "Come on, Joe! We ain't stopping to 'ave this rubbed in!"

And, for the second time that evening, the two mariners departed from the "Cutlass and Cannon" in distinctly dudgeonly manner.

Yet, when they had left that inn some little distance behind them Mr. Butcher nudged Mr. Gabb in the ribs, and Mr. Gabb nudged Mr. Butcher in the ribs, and both of them chuckled very cheerfully.

"Yes you was quite right in what you thought of, Joe," said Mr. Butcher. "Looked at calm, it was too good, 'im turning up like that."

"Specially when I remembered that that there landlord 'ad 'eard us say we was going on to the 'Flag and Pennant'," remarked Mr. Gabb. "Good

WE DECIDED TO TAKE UP GOLF THE OTHER DAY



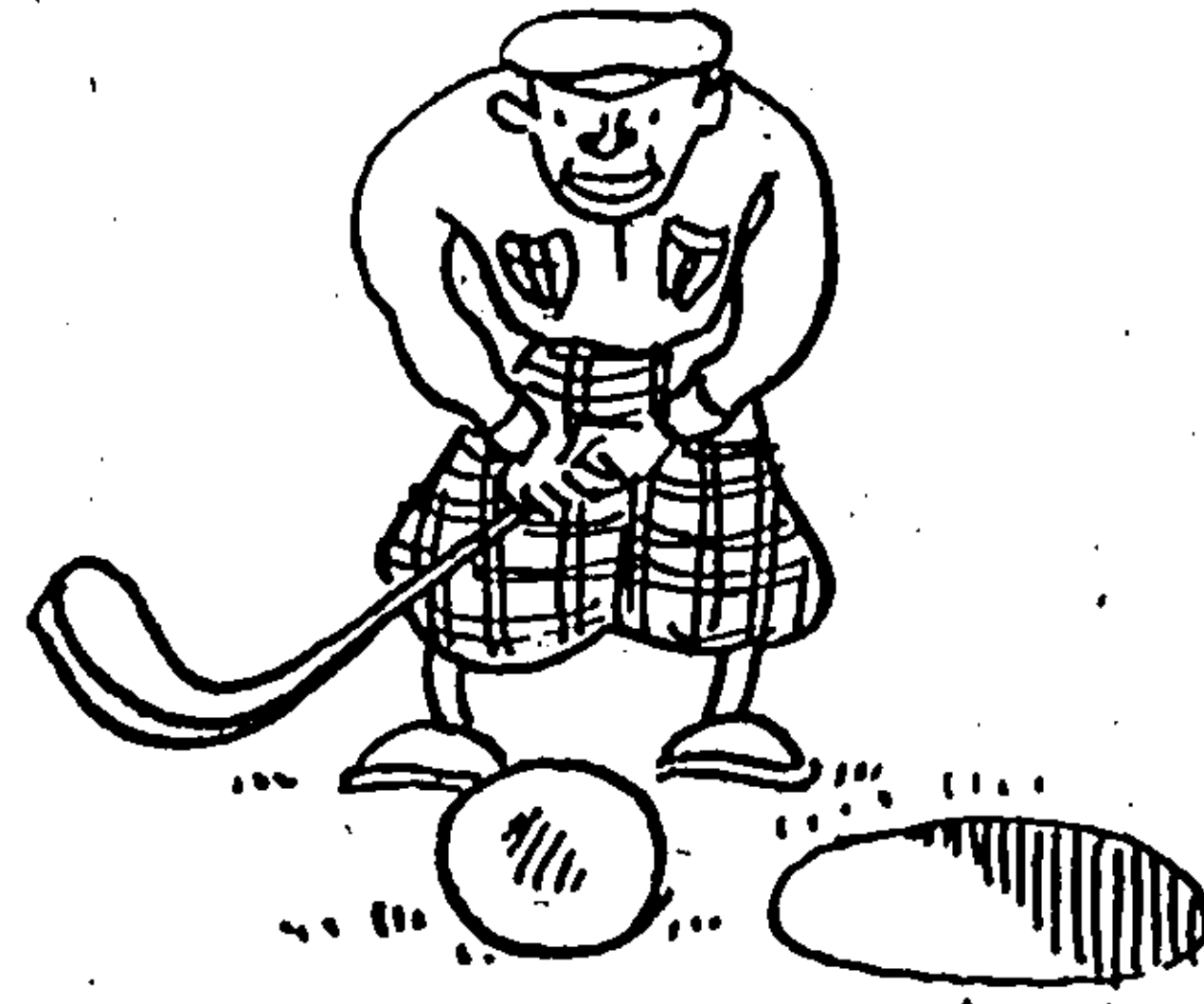
AND AFTER ABOUT OUR NINTH DIVOT

FOUND OUT THAT THE IDEA OF THE GAME IS TO GET AROUND THE COURSE IN AS FEW STROKES AS POSSIBLE — WE HAD 6 OF THEM.

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idea o' yours, that, seeing if the nigger 'ud give 'imself away, after we'd took to suspecting 'im secretly."

"Yes, after making out 'e was a stranger to these parts," said Mr. Butcher "and then, when we let 'im get just a little 'ead at that corner, blest if 'e didn't lead the way round it to the 'Cutlass and Cannon!"

"Oh, well, we'd got our plan ready if 'e did," grinned Mr. Gabb. "We got a double whisky apiece out of it,

which we shouldn't 'ave 'ad otherwise, any way."

"Aye, I guessed, if things was as we suspected, that there landlord would be too excited about the success of 'is little plot to take much notice of anything else," observed Mr. Butcher, with great content. "Wonder what that landlord'll say when 'e comes to that ten-bob note in 'is till? I'd given up all 'ope, these weeks past, of ever doing anything with that old 'dud'!"

TRADE TALK

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND BELGIUM ARE TO BE RESUMED ON MONDAY.

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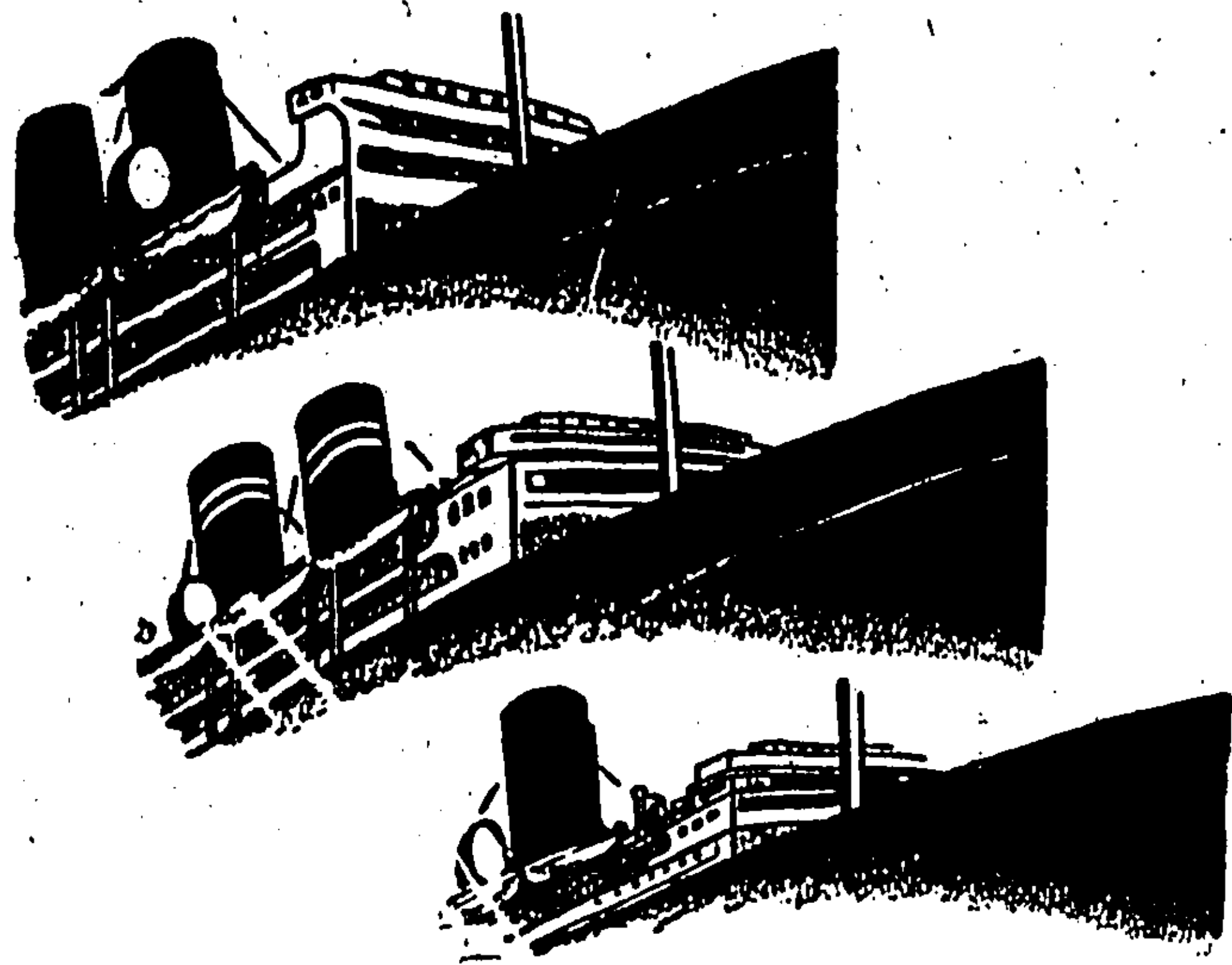
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Japan and Shanghai	October 24.
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Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and	October 24.
Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., date,	October 25.
4th October)	
Straits and Tourane	October 25.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San	October 25.
Francisco date, 19th October	
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date,	October 25.
18th October	October 25.
Haiphong and Pakhoi	October 25.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date,	October 26.
18th October	

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Swatow	Reg.,	Oct. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong (Parcels only)	Reg.,	Oct. 20, 1.00 p.m.
Haiphong	Reg.,	Oct. 20, 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Reg.,	Oct. 20, 2.30 p.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South	Reg.,	Oct. 20, 5.00 p.m.
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Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th Nov.	Reg.,	Oct. 20, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 20, 7.00 p.m.
Formosa	Reg.,	Oct. 20, 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Swatow and Formosa	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 1.45 p.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Europe via Naples—due Naples, 12th	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 3.30 p.m.
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Shanghai	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 5.30 p.m.
Service"—due London, 29th October.	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 5.30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Haiphong	Reg.,	Oct. 22, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Reg.,	Oct. 22, 9.00 a.m.
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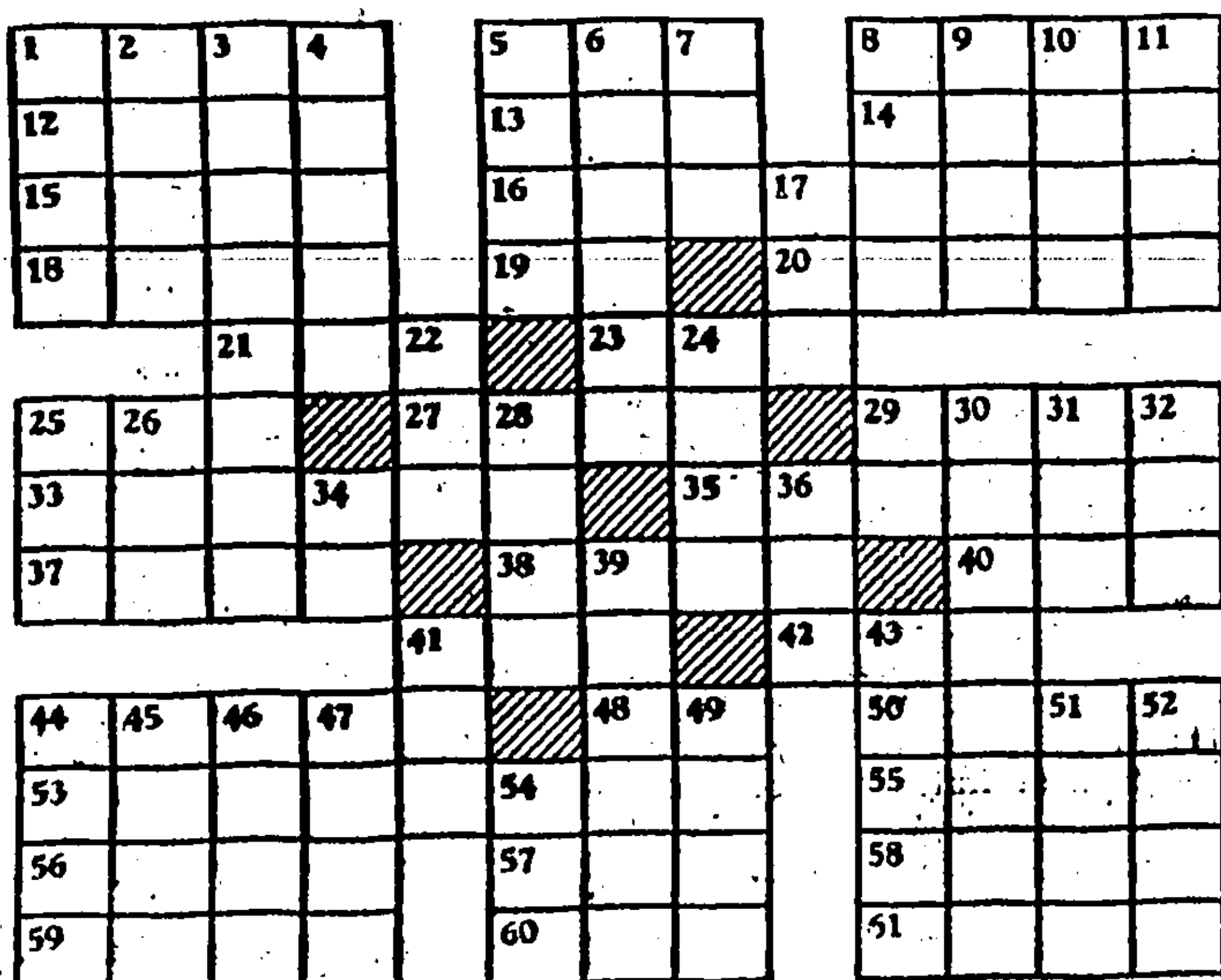
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- 16 Stayed
- 18 Chinese shrubs
- 19 Proposition
- 20 S. A. Mountain range
- 21 Medieval ship
- 23 Beetle
- 25 Small mass
- 27 Arabian port
- 29 Kiln
- 33 Record
- 35 Nook
- 37 Was borne
- 38 Reward
- 40 Land measure
- 41 Japanese coin
- 42 Whole
- 44 Mixed beverage
- 48 Tot act
- 50 Monster

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- 56 In shelter
- 57 Possessed
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- 59 To tear
- 60 Vetch
- 61 Sediment

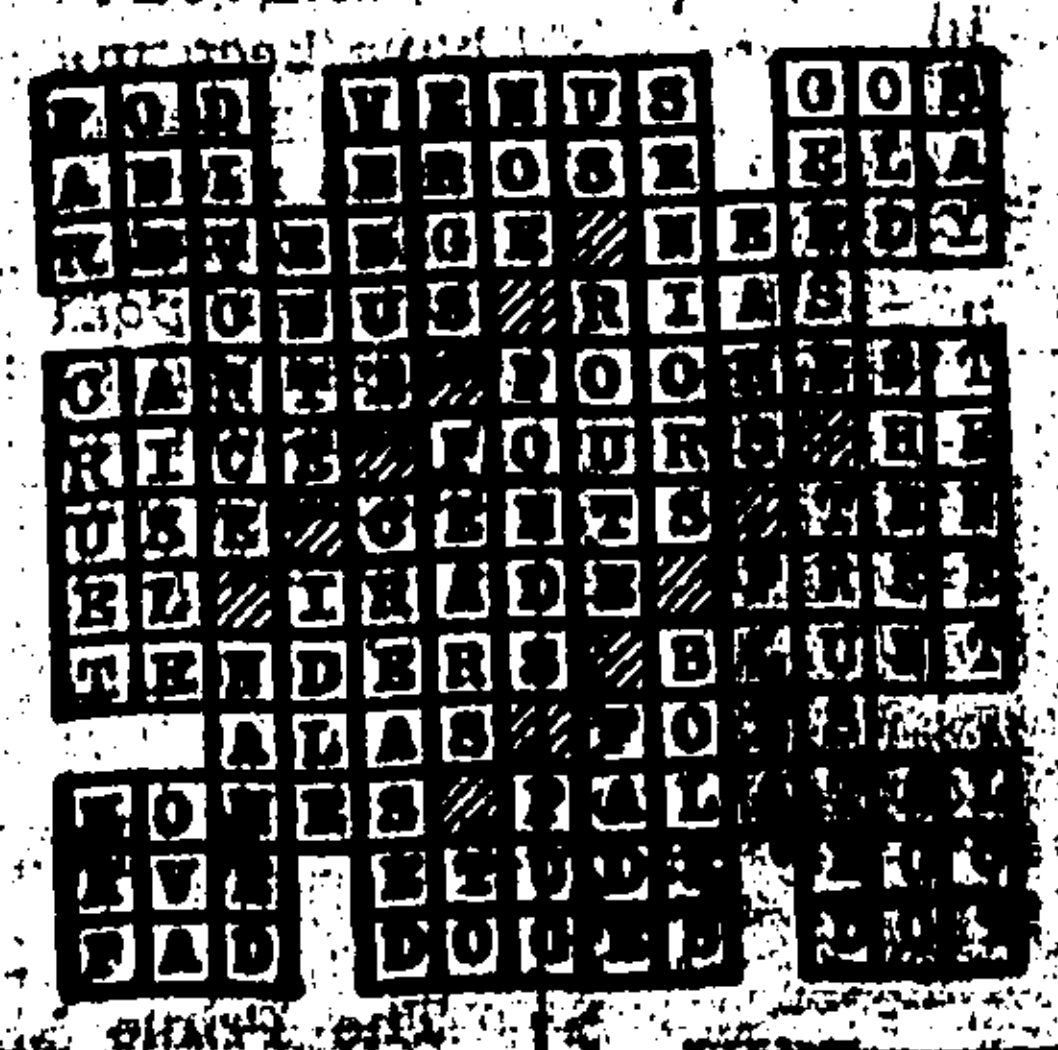
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- 3 Sent back
- 4 Billiard shot
- 5 Edible root
- 6 Reparation
- 7 Whale herd
- 8 Broad smile

VERTICAL

- 9 Unplowed edge of field
- 10 Poison
- 11 Stuffs
- 17 Swiss river
- 22 Hobby
- 24 As soon as
- 25 Conflict
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- 29 Conjunction
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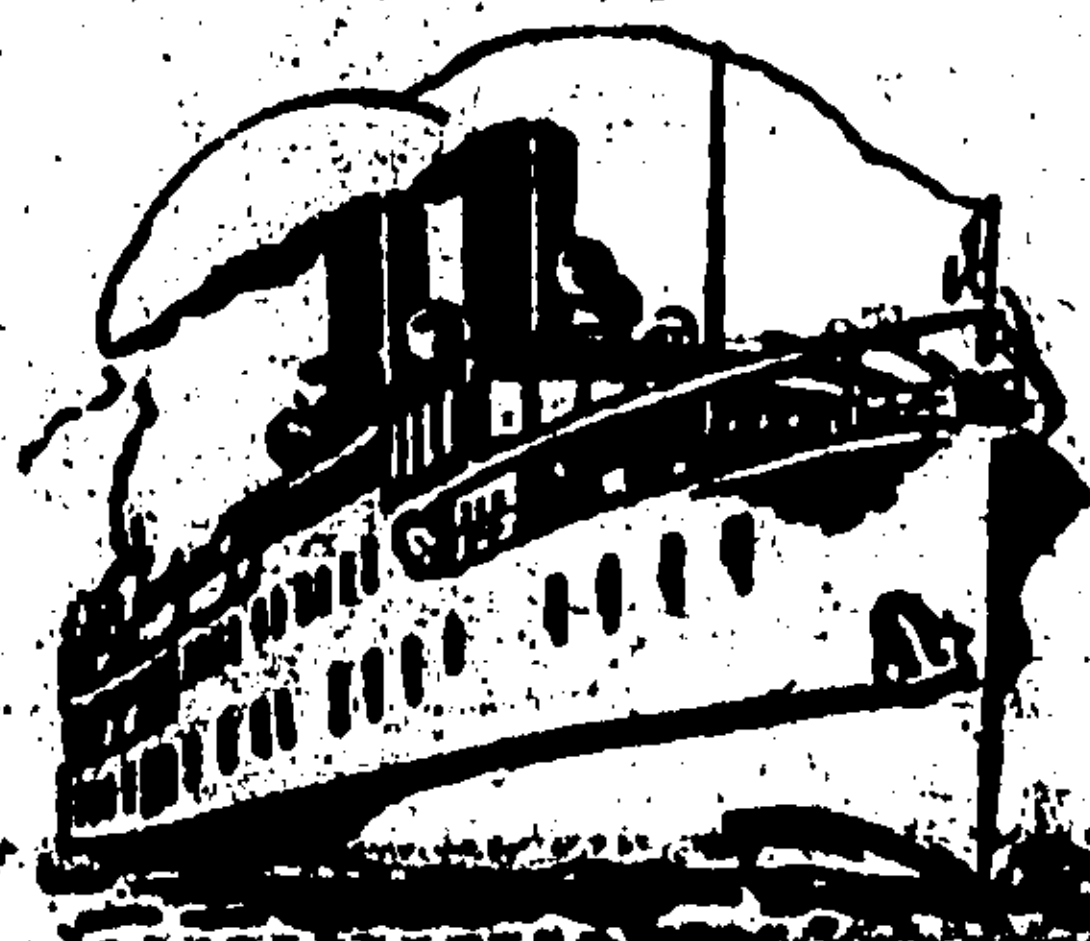
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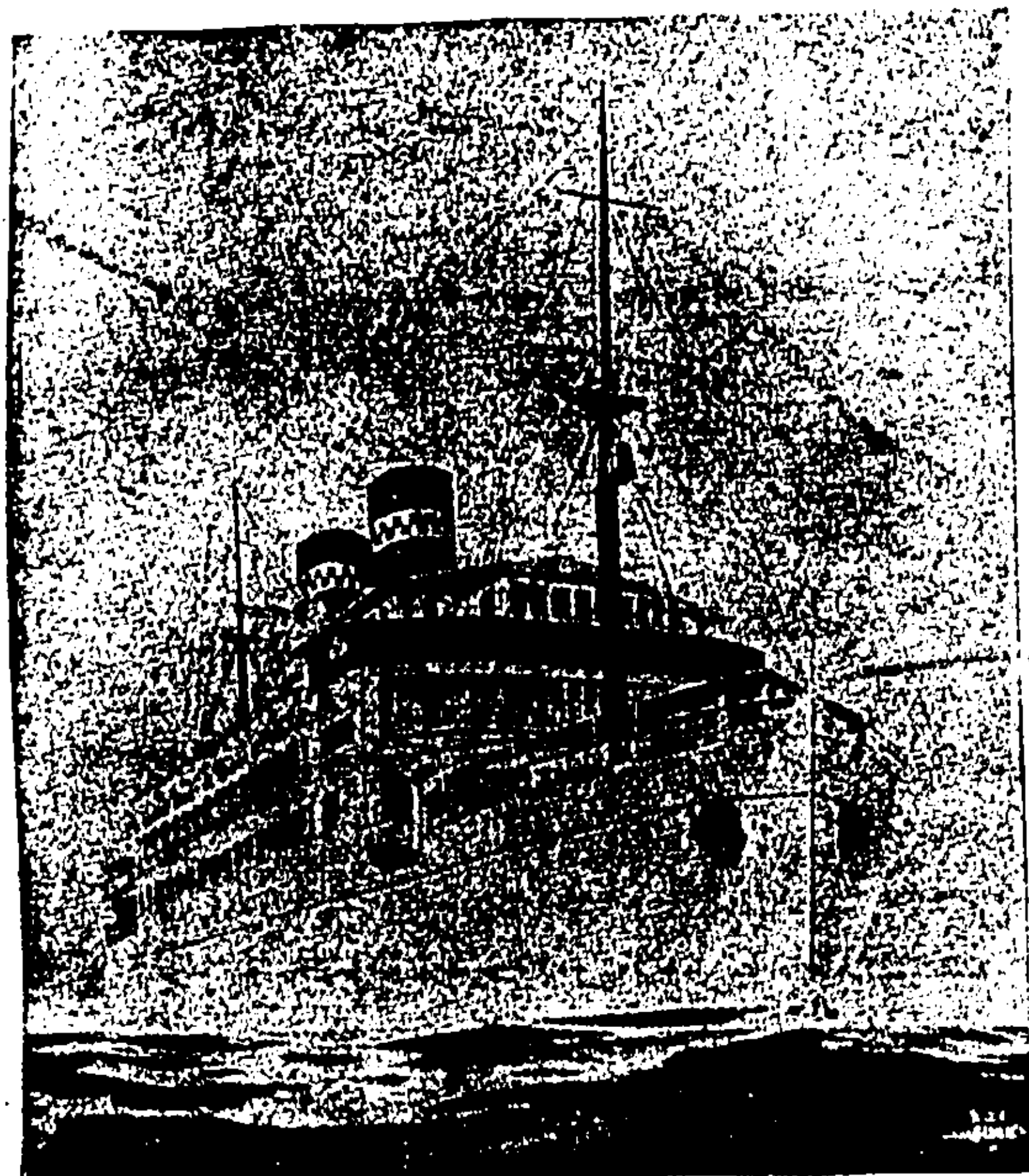
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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE MYSTERY OF RACZNOWITZ

By VINCENT TOWNE

HISTORY always repeats itself. I have already told you the story of that mysterious, chameleon-like creature, the "Chevalier d'Eon," secret agent of Louis XV, who one day would appear as a beautiful maid of honour, sitting at the feet of the Empress of Russia, and another day as the gallant, ruel-loving French ambassador to the Court of St. James. That such a role had been successfully enacted in our own country and within two generations is no less true than it is astounding; and the only patent lack of parallel between the chevalier and the equally mysterious character who, in America, reproduced his feats of transformation, is that d'Eon was more generally supposed to be a man with marvellous skill as a woman imper-

who had her appointed to the consular corps.

She was stationed at first in Mexico, then in New York. Later we find her appearing in Chicago, as a young Russian gentleman in the honourable employ of His Imperial Majesty the Czar. For the next 13 years she was destined to play a most difficult part with a cleverness which dazed her superiors when her true story was finally told to the world.

By day she was the manly, plain-speaking "Monsieur Nicholi de Rey-lan," confidential secretary to Baron Schlippenbach, the Russian consul. By night she was the petite, girlish "Mlle. Racznowitz," a fiery "under-ground worker" in the Russian societies which, throughout our country, in the days preceding the revolu-



Changing From Woman's To Man's Attire

sonator, while his later counter-part was more generally supposed to be a woman displaying equal genius as a masquerader in male attire.

This latter enigma we will refer to by the feminine pronoun for the sake of convenience. Answering the appeal of her oppressed countrymen she left her humble home in the south of Russia, joined one of the revolutionary societies and, although physically a frail creature, assumed the masculine role once played by Louise Michel, the "Joan of Arc of anarchy."

When only 18 years old and completely outfitted as a young student, she became a clerk in St. Petersburg and skillfully managed to develop an acquaintance with influential officials

tion at Petrograd, were secretly plotting for a representative government in the motherland.

But as "Mlle. Racznowitz," repository of the black secrets concerning the dynamite fund, she was no more trustworthy than when, next morning, as "M. de Rey-lan," she received the stenographic dictation of Baron Schlippenbach's confidential letters to the home government—letters outlining his campaign against her colleagues among the dreaded underground workers.

This remarkable creature, would have continued her difficult rôle unmasked but for the ravages of tuberculosis, which drove her to Arizona, where she died in 1906.

Wonderment at the prolonged success of her masquerade is heightened by the fact that nature had given her the poorest possible equipment for her daring rôle. Her weight was not above 100 pounds, her skin was fair and delicate; her feet and hands tiny, even for a petite woman.

Racznowitz had the voice, which in her day were supposed to be more characteristic of men than of women. She would stand at a bar and drink and was an inveterate user of tobacco.

This strange and mysterious personage went through the ceremony of marriage with a woman, and by those who later believed her to have been a woman, the ceremony was supposed to have been undertaken for the purpose of heightening the illusion that she was a man.

So skillfully did she play her cards that her political loyalty became as automatic as her sex, and it is still a question whether in later life her allegiance was on the side of the Czar or of the plotters against his throne.

A DAY LATER

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister will give his weekly review of the war situation to the Commons on Thursday next week. — British Wireless.

GOVT. HOUSE WORK CENTRE

A British War Organization work centre is starting at Government House on Monday, Lady Northcote having kindly undertaken the management of this Centre.

It will be held daily in the Ballroom from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. and, as at the other Centres, all who can come will be welcomed.

Another Centre has been opened at the Club de Recreio, and will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3 p.m.—7 p.m.

At the Emergency Centre conducted by Mrs. Steele-Perkins at the Helena May Institute on Wednesday mornings, over 400 bandages and slings have been finished, and thanks are due to those, who as well as working, have given materials and money, thus making it possible to do so much without delay.

The office of the Hon. Secretary of the Fund, which has been lent by the Chartered Bank, has proved most convenient and central.

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BRITISH FOOD INCREASING

London, To-day.

Plans for increasing Britain's food production were announced yesterday by Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, Minister of Agriculture.

Farmers, he said, would be encouraged to increase their flocks, and fat sheep prices would be raised.

Cattle, sheep and pigs would be bought by the Food Ministry when rationing came into force, and a market thus guaranteed.

For the next harvest, prices would be fixed so as to ensure farmers a reasonable return.—Reuter.

INVITATION TO HANKOW

Chungking, To-day.

Members of the Special Service Section of the Japanese Garrison are investigating residents who evacuated Hankow before the Japanese occupation.

Their relatives who remain are asked to write to them, assuring them that peace and order rules in the Wuhan cities and urging them to return. These letters are sent free of charge.—Central News.

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE INDIA OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT ALTHOUGH THE SAILINGS OF SOME SHIPS TO JEDDA ON THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE HAVE BEEN POSTPONED, THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE.

Both the British Government and the Government of India are alive to the importance of the pilgrimage, and arrangements have been made to reserve a certain number of ships for pilgrims from Indian ports.—Reuter.

CONTROLLER OF SHIPPING

Ottawa, To-day

Sir Edward Beatty, Chairman and President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been appointed Controller of Shipping in Canada, says the "Ottawa Journal."

Sir Edward had experience of shipping affairs as Chairman of Canadian Pacific Steamships.—Reuter.

BITTER FIGHTING ROUND NANCHANG

Siushui, To-day.

Bitter fighting is developing at Fenghsin, 23 miles west of Nanchang. The Chinese commenced a major attack yesterday morning. More hills in the western suburbs, including Kuntsaishan and Tsientsuishan, were taken.—Central News.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 22-13/16 for spot and 21-13/16 forward.

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Another view of some of the many spectators at the Army Children's School swimming sports.



A group of spectators at the Army Children's School swimming sports, held at the U.S.R.C. last Friday.



An interested group of spectators at the softball game on Sunday between Hong Kong Ball Club and the Filipinos.

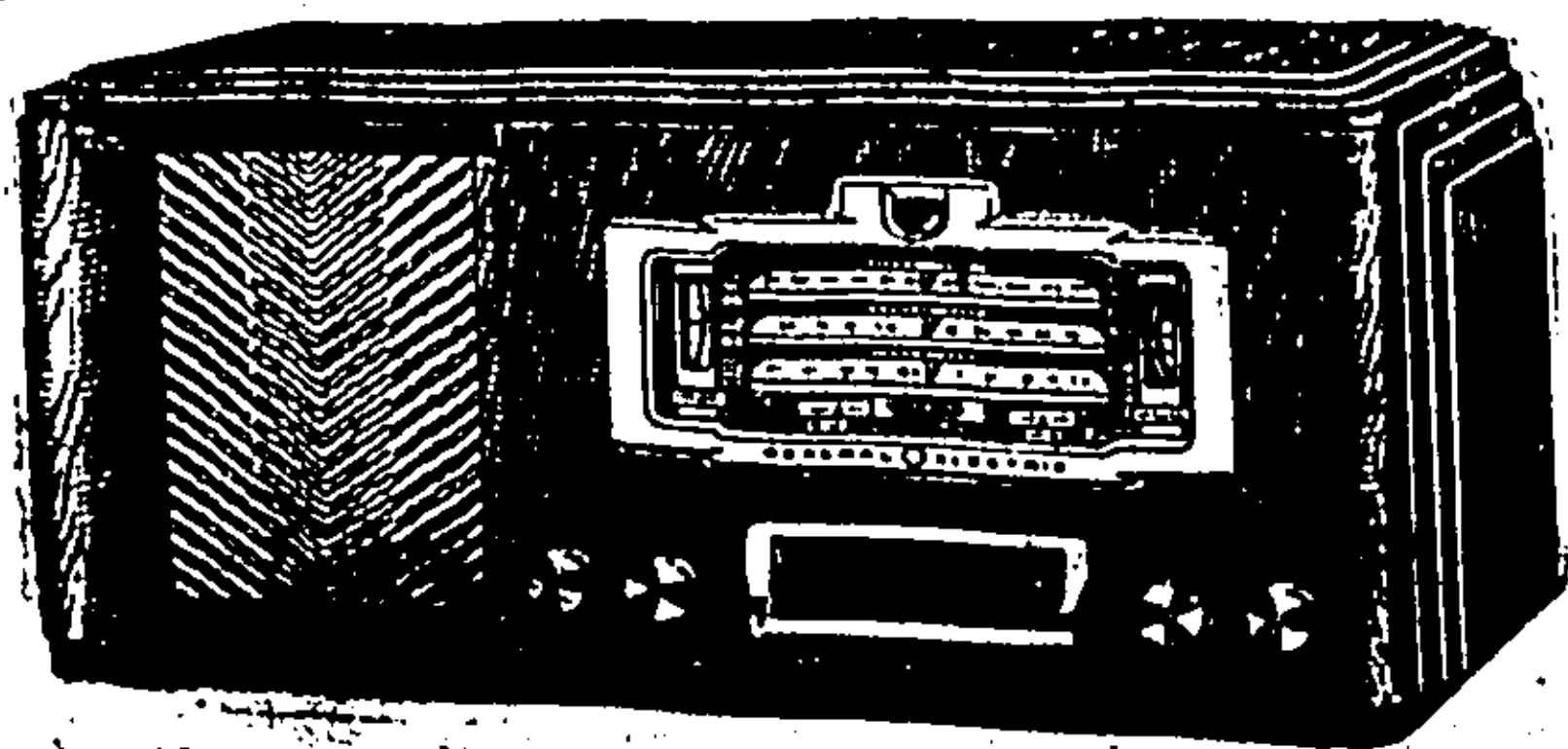


Lining up for the start of the Girls' 100-yard race at the Army Children's School swimming sports.

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"Action" at the match on Saturday between South China "A" and the Royal Scots at Sookumpo.

TO-MORROW'S RUGBY

There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow, the first game, which will commence at 3.30 p.m., being between Club "A" and a Navy XV and will be refereed by Lt. Pirie, and the second game, commencing at 4.45 p.m., between Club and Army, the match being refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby.

The Club teams have been selected as follows:—

1st XV:—F. M. Thompson; D. H. Stewart, H. D. Eldwell, J. C. Charter and D. I. Bosanquet; F. Cessford and J. R. Henderson; A. F. Walkden (Captain), J. S. Dunnett and E. A. Bompas; W. E. Peers and C. F. Needham; W. B. Richardson, A. J. G. Taylor and G. B. Godfrey.

"A" XV:—M. G. Carruthers; H. van Leeuwen (Captain), G. D. Day, C. R. Bursay and H. F. Hopkins; J. Hutchison and R. Rutherford; P. R. Wainlyn, S. Hydes and

FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

H.K.F.C.:—S. Marvin; A. Bone and S. Strange; A. Gratton; K. Forrow (capt.) and H. Millington; P. Wilson, J. Gilchrist, F. Fowler, Bond and J. Lodge. Reserve:—J. Scott.

H.K. Electric:—A. M. Quinn; Lo Hon Cheong and Y. K. Sloan; Tang Kin Chee, R. M. V. Ribeiro and W. Ahmed; Wong Kun Yau, Lai Sum, A. G. Gardner, I. Gomes and M. Sabhan. Middlesex:—Jackson, Cooper and Sheehan; Freshwater, Parker and Wilkinson; Coomer, R. Thomas, Devonshire, Saw and Marable. Reserve:—C. Thomas.

J. Moodie; L. A. Benn and L. de C. Blechyn; Gen. B. O'M. Deane; M. S. Banner and A. G. Dabiel.

INTERESTING SERIES OF GAMES IN INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY

Close Game Expected Between Malaya And India

INDIA, PORTUGAL SCOTLAND AND P.I. FOR SEMI-FINALS? FINAL LEAGUE GAMES

This entry necessitates the playing of three games in the first round, and four in the second: Three of the latter take place at Kowloon Football Club on Sunday afternoon, the other

What the Malays will have to look up to this stage, however, can be made up by M. R. Abbas if he is to win his game. His drawing to the jack

Although Willie Hong Sling is a greatly improved exponent of the

Just by way of a final shot in the dark I will tip The Philippines, Scotland, and Portugal to join India in the semi-finals.

THIRD DIVISION SKIPS

THE FOLLOWING are the Final Standings of leading skips in Third Division of the Lawn Bowls League.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Shots		Shots		Pts.
					F.	A.	U.	D.	
O. P. Remedios (Recrelo)	16	14	1	1	393	217	176	0	29
P. J. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	16	11	4	1	361	293	68	0	23
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	13	11	2	0	295	215	80	0	22
H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	16	10	5	1	353	293	60	0	21
E. de Souza (Recrelo)	12	10	2	0	284	176	108	0	20
V. Walker (H.K.F.C.)	15	10	5	0	331	293	38	0	20
P. A. Yvanovich (Recrelo)	13	8	3	2	299	236	63	0	18
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	13	9	4	0	278	240	38	0	18
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	16	8	7	1	338	307	31	0	17
B. E. Maughan (R.H.K.Y.C.)	16	8	7	1	291	324	0	33	17
W. W. Hirst (K.C.C.)	12	8	4	0	263	200	63	0	16
T. Pile (P.O.C.)	14	7	7	0	299	286	13	0	14
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	15	7	8	0	303	282	21	0	14
H. H. Pegg (H.K.F.C.)	14	6	7	1	272	278	0	1	13
W. B. Muskett (H.K.E.R.C.)	14	6	8	0	283	292	0	9	12
A. W. Brown (R.H.K.Y.C.)	16	6	10	0	302	352	0	50	12
A. E. S. Alves (C.C.C.)	10	5	4	1	189	166	0	7	11
J. S. Dinnen (K.B.G.C.)	12	5	6	1	280	242	0	12	11
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	14	5	8	1	271	251	0	10	11
T. Gooding (P.O.C.)	15	5	9	1	294	297	0	8	11
V. Patherlek (K.F.C.)	15	5	10	0	285	280	0	101	10
G. S. Thompson (H.K.E.R.C.)	9	4	4	1	163	164	0	81	9
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	15	3	7	5	265	261	0	5	8
P. Morgan (K.F.C.)	15	3	11	1	268	219	0	58	7
J. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	3	5	0	142	180	0	17	6
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	11	2	8	1	178	264	0	81	5
L. G. Coombes (H.B.G.O.)	2	2	0	0	49	50	20	0	4
A. W. Ramsey (K.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	72	55	17	0	4
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	4	2	2	0	84	86	0	8	4
C. M. S. Alves (Recrelo)	4	2	2	0	82	84	0	8	4
S. Deacon (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	2	3	0	90	124	0	85	4
L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	7	2	5	0	121	160	0	45	4
G. E. Castello (R.H.K.Y.C.)	11	2	9	0	190	228	0	92	4
W. Hobbs (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	59	59	0	0	2
D. A. Rezario (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	57	58	0	0	2
N. P. Karanila (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	51	56	0	0	2
E. el Arsull (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	53	52	0	0	2
J. W. Hudson (P.O.C.)	1	1	0	0	51	52	0	0	2
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	51	52	0	0	2



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IT SEEMS CERTAIN that Army are going to be a real force in the Rugby world this season. The trials that have been held have resulted in a strong side being picked for the match against Club to-morrow, and I know all concerned are very hopeful of success.

Sutherland of the Royal Scots will be missed this season. He is at present in hospital and likely to remain there for some time and I cannot see him taking any active part in the game this year. However, despite that a very strong pack has been mustered and the advent of Lieut. Ridsdale will be a great help.

I see that Lieut. Cuthbertson is not in the side for to-morrow. As he did not play in the trial on Tuesday I imagine that he is on the injured list and when he is again available will probably replace Blackman.

With Berry, Hewitt and Evans as the front line the pack is very strong, and Pinkerton and Page seem to fit the bill in the second row. It is in the back row where they have the greatest strength, however, being able to field Captain Duke, Lieut. Ridsdale and Lieut. Cuthbertson, which is a really impressive trio.

Lieutenant Otway has secured his place at back for to-morrow and may be all right after a few games, but at the present moment neither he nor Easterbrook quite fill the bill.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

I KNOW ARMY are deadly keen to give the American Marines from Shanghai a good game when they meet them next month and every indication at present goes to show that it is the Marines who will have to be all out to win!

Lieutenant Cuthbertson has put in a tremendous amount of work to get this year's side together and it would be the best reward possible for him if they prove a really good winning side.

ALL FINALS IN THE Billiards and Snooker Championships are due to take place during the week ending Friday November 3. Notable absentees from the finals this year are Royal Engineers who were represented in the final of practically every event last season.

On October 31, R.A.M.C. and R. Signals meet in the final of the Garrison Challenge Cup, the first game starting at 7 p.m. R.A.M.C. have a strong side and should account for the Signals who I consider have been a trifle lucky to have got so far.

On the following day at 6.15 p.m. H.K.V.D.C. will be seen in action against R.A.M.C., contesting the final

of the Soldiers' Club Tournament, which event is usually won by the Volunteers.

I do not give the R.A.M.C. a dog's chance of winning this game as the Volunteers must be easily the finest combination in local billiards. Teams are of eight and there is precious little difference between the H.K.V.D.C. No. 1 and No. 8. What is likely to add to the odds in their favour is that opponents are now drawn for and games are not played No. 1 against No. 1 and so on.

The team with the steadiest side will always defeat one which is alternately brilliant and bad in this competition as the result is on aggregate.

I think Captain Sequeira and his 'boys' will once more collect this trophy. The finalists for the individual championship I do not know yet, and I do not think the preliminaries have been quite completed. The Individual Snooker Championship which will be played on Friday November 2, will be a keenly-fought affair with two finalists who have shown consistently good form in the earlier rounds, Conductor Ebbage of R.A.O.C. and Corporal Harvey, R.A.M.C.

The former is a "southpaw" and

stands a great chance of winning providing he can compete against the exasperating steadiness of Harvey who is one of those players who refuse to be ruffled by an important occasion!

The prize distribution will be made after the final of the individual billiards which is to be played on Friday.

In the cases of the Individual Billiards and Snooker, some of the matches will be played in the afternoon. The first three frames of the snooker and the first 200 up of the Billiards will be disposed of this way. Snooker is the best of seven frames and billiards 500 up.

LEN HUTTON WEDS

Leonard Hutton, star Yorkshire batsman, was married at Wykeham, near Scarborough, last month to Miss Dorothy Mary Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Dennis, and a member of the well-known cricketing family.

The romance began on the cricket field, for it was at Scarborough festival four years ago that Hutton, then nineteen, first met Dorothy.

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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

At the Bowling Alleys on Sunday U.S.S. Tulsa beat U.S.S. Gold Star by 18 points in a friendly ten-pin game.

It was interesting to follow the result of each game. At the end of the first the Gold Star was leading by one pin and at the end of the second they were 26 up. In the next game the Tulsa reduced the lead by 3 pins but Gold Star forged ahead in the next and took the lead to 40 pins. Tulsa, who were making a great effort to save the match, tried hard but lost by 18 pins.

Though the result was a close one, the standard of bowling was not high. Several players having a tendency to become careless owing to the sultry night!

POHL'S FINE SCORE

It was left to A. J. Pohl, a newcomer to the Alleys, to register the highest score of the game and his 799, which was an average of 160 a game, was good.

Moore, of Tulsa did quite well and was the second highest scorer of the match with 793.

Elardo of the Gold Star and "Pete" Petersen of the same ship were disappointing. The former registered 730 and the latter 710, but both are able to do better than that!

On the whole the game was not up to expectations and not even one 200 was registered throughout the match.

On Monday the ceremonies in connection with the "200" Club were gone through and some 60 patrons were initiated into the Order. The first two ladies to join this select group are Mrs. Ismail and Mrs. Horton.

FRIENDLY GAME

After the ceremony a friendly game was played between Tulsa and the "Champs" resulting in the latter winning by 105 pins.

The game was a good one and remarkable in as much as the two highest scores of the month were made in this game and both in the fourth frame.

Miller of the Champs and Michal of Tulsa were having a battle royal between themselves and it finished with Michal notching 254 pins and Miller 246.

One can imagine the excitement which reigned during the game.

Doc. Molthen was the only player who registered over 200 in this game, a 201 in his second game. Strange though it may seem, Venezia failed to register a 200 right throughout the game!

ARMY "A" RUGBY FIFTEEN

The following team will represent Army "A" v Police at Sookunpoo ground at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday:—Gunnr. Easterbrook (5th A.A.R.A.); Bomdr. March (8th H.R.A.), Lt. Skipworth (8th H.R.A.), Lieut. Hook (8th H.R.A.), Gunnr. Richards (8th H.R.A.); L/Cpl. Muggridge (Midx.), Bomdr. Smyth (8th H.R.A.); L/Cpl. Boustead (R.A.O.C.), Gunnr. Clark (5th A.A.R.A.), Pte. Hurlock (Midx.); Gunnr. Cook (8th H.R.A.), Gunnr. McDermott (8th H.R.A.); Sergt. Burrell (Midx.), L/Cpl. Beaford (R.C.S.), L/Cpl. Gilham (Midx.).

Reserves:—Sergt. Heaton (R.A.O.C.), Sigm. Willis (R.C.S.), Corpl. Husband (R.C.S.), Pte. Groves (Midx.), Pte. Lever (Midx.).

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (—30.3) beat R. T. Broadbridge and Miss B. Harker (—15.3) 6-3, 6-3 yesterday to enter the Semi-Final Round of the K.C.C. Mixed Doubles Handicap tennis tournament. They will now meet J. H. S. Duncan and Mrs. N. Smeby (—3.6).



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K.C.C. CRICKET

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in friendly cricket matches tomorrow:—

First XI (Home v Middlesex Regt.):—D. J. N. Anderson (capt.), N. D. Lloyd, W. L. Rapley, A. Zimmern, K. M. Baxter, D. Hung, T. A. Madar, E. D. Lay, F. J. Lay, A. V. White and G. Giffen. Scorer T. W. Carr; Umpire H. Brokenshire.

Second XI (v C.B.S. away):—W. Mulcahy (capt.), G. A. V. Hall, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, G. A. Goodban, G. G. Davies, C. Walker, R. T. Broadbridge, E. Curtis, R. A. Harding and A. Wright.

SUNDAY'S GAME

A whole-day friendly game will be played at K.C.C. on Sunday. The following players have signified their intention of taking part:—D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher, H. Brokenshire, R. T. Broadbridge, D. Hung, R. A. Harding, B. D. Lay, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, R. A. J. Simpson, A. Zimmern, A. Wright, E. Curtis, F. J. Lay, H. Jessop, A. V. White, Mills, K. M. Baxter, R. Leigh, Crabbe junr., A. E. Carey, N. A. E. Mackay.

GOLF TITLE ON SUNDAY

O. E. C. Marton will not be defending the title he has won four times in the last six years when the Colony Golf Championship commences on Sunday at Fanling. He is reported to be down with a bout of malaria.

J. S. Smith is conceded the best chance of success, with strong challenges coming from D. S. Edward and A. E. Lissaman, 1936 champion. If T. A. Pearce plays consistently well he too is considered to have a chance. The Visitors' Cup is very open this year, the entries not being up to previous standards.

GUTIERREZ SHIELD

The following are the First and Second Round games of the Gutierrez International Lawn Bowls Competition which will be played this week-end:

TO-DAY	
First Round	
Scotland	v Wales
China	v Portugal
Australia	v Switzerland

Second Round	
Malaya	v India

(All games will be played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 3 p.m.)

HOME RACING

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that National Hunt racing will be held at Leicester on November 20 and 21. There will also be meetings at Windsor, Cheltenham, Haydock Park, Newbury, Wetherby, Gatwick and Plumpton. — Reuter.

SPORTS PARADE

A meeting of Hong Kong Badminton Association will be held this afternoon in order to make arrangements regarding the forthcoming League programme.

There is no reason why badminton should not be as popular this Winter as it has ever been.

Most clubs have started practice and are now in a fairly good position to judge the likely composition of their teams.

While most of the old teams should once again be participating, I have definite information that at least two new teams will be taking part.

One is Kowloon Cricket Club, which is almost certain to enter a team in "B" Division of the Men's League and might possibly recruit enough talent among their members to enable a team to be entered in Mixed Doubles Division.

Were K.C.C. in a position to call upon all the members of the club who play badminton, they would have a men's team not far below First Division standard.

I am fairly certain, however, that neither Henry Kew nor Ernie Fincher, who are shortly due back from leave, will desert St. Andrew's with whom they have always been associated as regards badminton, while there are also a number of other players, not quite as proficient as the two players named, who are as yet undecided with whom to throw in their lot.

P. Wynter-Blyth, a player with a fine Home reputation, has been seen in action and although rather out of touch at the moment, is evidently a player likely to do very well in Junior Division. He is possessed of a particularly powerful drive and smash but his short game still leaves room for improvement.

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I foresee a stern challenge for the "B" Division title by St. Teresa's, who, I have been informed, intend applying for admission to the League in the near future.

Their team will be composed for the most part of former Kowloon Tong players, among them being John Chen and Francis Tsang, Peter Lo, J. Tsang and John Tang. These names represent the finest exponents of the game in Kowloon Tong Club and there appears to be a strong likelihood that the latter club will have considerable difficulty in fielding a team approaching the standard of those entered in the past three seasons.

They have, however, decided to continue in the League and with the aid of Peter Fletcher and Richard Lee, aided by numerous recruits to the game who have been practising assiduously all through the Summer, there is no reason why they should not do fairly well.

Recrelo, as in previous seasons, will have more players to call upon than any other club. Practically all their old players are here and keen while the younger members of the club are coming along nicely and should be ready for competition in the highest class in the not distant future.

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OWING to the heavy fall of rain just prior to the start of the match, the standard in the Hong Kong Hockey Club - Y.M.C.A. hockey game on Wednesday fell below expectations. Club are still experimenting with their forward-line and on Wednesday, Bates, unable to keep his place in the intermediate-line, appeared on the left wing, with scant success, however.

S. A. Fowler was again the most dangerous man in attack, while Norman Whitley, another half, gave a promising display at inside-left to secure two goals.

Corrie-Hill appeared to be rather out of touch in the intermediate-line but with more practice should be a great acquisition.

Y. M. C. A. did not impress in any particular department, although the half-backs were a hard-working trio. Ernie Fowler was not at his best as leader of the attack and could never

THOMSON'S WIDE ARC

GRAPHIC GOLF



BY BEST BALL

One might think a golfer as husky as Jimmy Thomson would be inclined to be muscle bound but one look at his fluid swing would convince one otherwise. Observe his backswing, illustrated above, for example and you can readily see the extreme body turn he takes in the stroke, his body under perfect control and balance throughout. At this point Thomson's back is square to the line of flight, the clubhead dipped considerably below the horizontal. This gives him such a wide arc that even by gradual acceleration of the clubhead on the downswing, terrific momentum can be and is developed by the time the actual impact stage is reached. At the finish of one of this typically long drives, Thomson's body is facing the line of flight at right angles.

Monday.—In The Hitting area

HARBOUR RACE RESULTS

The Annual cross harbour race under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club was held yesterday afternoon and resulted in Chan Chun-nam winning the men's event after a close struggle from Yzu Sai-kwan.

The Ladies' event was won by Miss Ip Choy-man second.

work up any sort of a combination with his inside-men.

Doug Smith showed a good turn of speed on the right-wing and Bartlett was most aggressive but there were few decent combined movements to be seen.

Benwell, in goal, gave his usual reliable performance.



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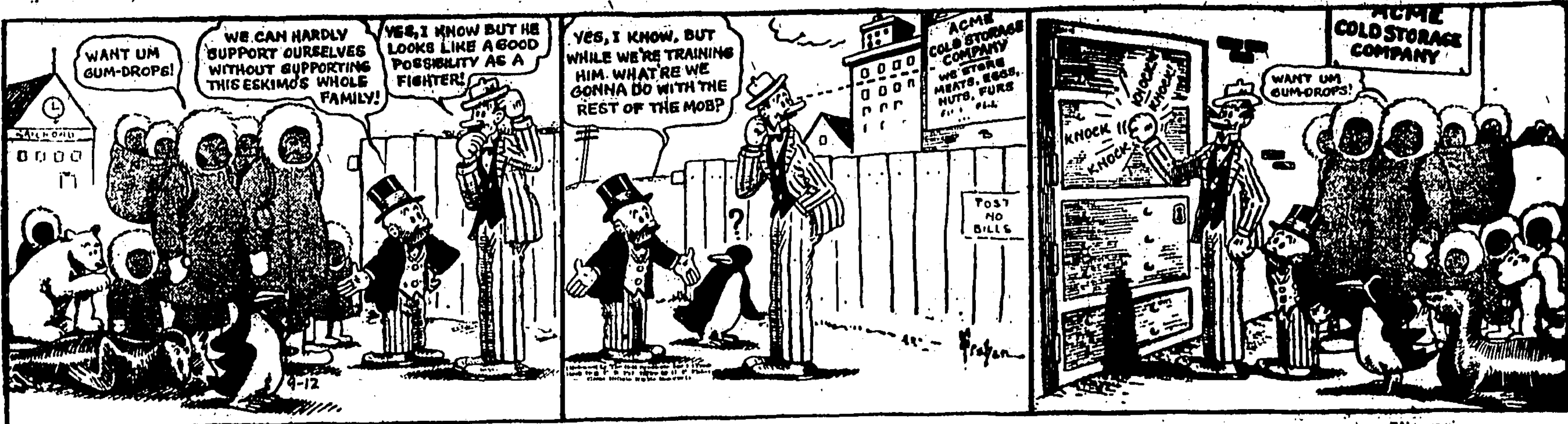
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Vienna Blood—Selection.... Maria Haster (Soprano), Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and Max Schipper (Tenor) with Chorus & Orch.
A Thousand And One Nights—Waltz.... Dresden State Opera Orchestra.
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"Sing You Sinners"—Selection (Monaco, Burke).... Dudley Beaven (Organ).
"Sweethearts"—Selection.... Louis Levey & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Mozart—Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat. The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Viscount Hidesmaro Konoye.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Trio in A Minor, Op. 50. Hephzibah and Yehudi Menuhin (Piano and Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—News Supplement.
6.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.57 p.m.—Variety with Max Miller, Turner Layton, Connie Boswell, Elsie & Doris Waters, and the London Piano Accordion Band.
Vocal & Piano—On Treasure Island (Leslie & Burke); Sailing Home With The Tide (Watson & Others).... Turner Layton.
Comediennes—Wedding Bells (E. & D. Waters); In High Society (E. & D. Waters).... Elsie and Doris Waters with Orchestra.
Piano-Accordeons—Maid of Brazil (Le Roy & Marsden); The Whistling Waltz (film 'Limelight').... London Piano-Accordion Band.
Comedian—Backscratcher (Miller); Impshe (Miller).... Max Miller with Orchestra.
Vocal—There's Something About An Old Love (Hudson, Fein); Heart and Soul (film 'A Song is Born').... Connie Boswell with Orch.
Comediennes—Gert and Daisy and the Tandem (E. & O. Waters); Huntin' (Ellis & E. & D. Waters).... Elsie & Doris Waters with Orchestra.
Piano-Accordeons—There'll Never Be Another You (Woods); One Night in Monte Carlo (Silver & Others).... London Piano-Accordion Band.
Vocal & Piano—A Marriage Has Been Arranged (Hayhurst & Mayer); Lancashire Lass (Tredinick & Layton).... Turner Layton.
Comedian—Weeping Willow (Miller); You Can't Go Away Like That (Miller).... Max Miller with Orchestra.
Piano-Accordeons—Good Evening! Pretty Lady (Butler & Others); Back In Those Old Kentucky Days

(Brown).... London Piano-Accordeon Band.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Next week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—A Programme of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—And The Angels Sing; Rose Of Washington Square.... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.
The Veleta; Waltz—St. Bernard Waltz.... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Quickstep—Music Hall Rag; Slow Fox-Trot—Temple Block Swing.... Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in 'Drumsticks'.
Fox-Trots—The 7.15 To Dreamland; I Shall Always Remember You Smiling.... Hugo Rignold & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Venetian Night; A Song Without Words.... Emil Roos & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Spider & The Fly; Howdy, Cloudy Morning.... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man In The Moon; Quickstep—I Wasn't Lying When I Said "I Love You".... Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Wings Over The Navy (from the film); The Old Tin Helmet.... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
Tangos—Vision; Red Roses.... Emil Roos & His Orchestra.
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Mozart—Sonata in B Flat Major. Walter Gieseking (Piano).
9.45 p.m.—Mozart's "The Magic Flute" Act II. Soloists and Characters in order of appearance: Sarastro, High Priest.... Wilhelm Strienz (Bass); Second Priest.... Ernst Fabry (Tenor); Speaker.... Walter Grossmann (Bass); A Lady.... Hilde Scheppan (Soprano); Second Lady.... Elfride Marherr (Soprano); Third Lady.... Rut Berglund (Contralto); Papageno.... Gerhard Huch (Baritone); Tamino.... Helge Rowenage (Tenor); Monostatos, a Moor.... Heinrich Tesserer (Tenor); Queen of the Night.... Erna Berger (Soprano); An old woman, Papagena.... Irma Beilke (Soprano); A Boy.... Carla Spletter (Soprano); Pamina, daughter of Queen of the Night.... Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano); with Chorus and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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♥ A Q
♦ 2
♣ A Q J 6 5 4 3

♠ —
♥ 10 8 5 4
♦ K J 10 8
♣ K 10 9

♠ 8 6 5 4 3
♥ K J 9 7 8
♦ 7 6
♣ 7

♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q 9 8 5 4
♣ —

Mr. Schenken

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

When a club was opened against his six-spade contract and dummy's Jack won the first trick, Mr. Schenken began to feel that he had underbid. The Ace of diamonds was followed by a diamond ruff in dummy, and now the club Ace was played. When East ruffed Mr. Schenken over-ruffed and then proceeded to trump another diamond with the spade Ace.

Things still looked rosy, for it appeared that now it would only be necessary to draw trumps and concede a diamond trick. However, upon playing one round of trumps, Mr.

Schenken discovered that East held as many trumps as he. West was put in with the diamond King and led a heart. Mr. Schenken desperately finessed dummy's Queen, but to no avail.

After being set two tricks Mr. Schenken reviewed the entire hand, trying to discover if there were any way to make this apparently easy Slam. As yet he has discovered none, but is open to suggestions if any one can think of a method.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ K 10 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♣	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one diamond. This bid conveys more information than one notrump. Score 100% for one diamond, 60% for one notrump, 0 for any other bid. QUESTION NO. 236.

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and again you hold:

♠ K 10 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 8 4 2

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Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♦	Pass	(?)	

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4189.	junction of Kowloon City Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	t.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,400	\$44	\$1,600
			As per sale plan.						

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4190.	junction of Lai Chi Kok Road and Kiu Kiang Street, Shamshui.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,275	\$46	\$10,125
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Inland Lot No. 4191.	West of Inland Lot No. 4190, Stubbs Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 57,500	\$82	\$21,400
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FUNERAL OF GERMAN AIRMEN

Edinburgh, To-day.
The funeral of the two German airmen killed in Monday's raid will take place in the City Cemetery at Porto Bello at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The bodies lay in an Edinburgh church last night, with R.A.F. men on guard beside the coffins.

The chaplain of a local R.A.F. unit will take the service, and Scottish pipers will play a Lament at the graveside, while the R.A.F. will provide a firing party.

More than 50 officers and men of the R.A.F. will march in procession from the church to the cemetery.

The coffins will be covered with the German flag, and wreaths have been sent from officers and men of the R.A.F. and officers and men who took part in Monday's aerial battle.—Reuter.

WAR VOTE IN BARBADOS

Bridgetown, To-day.
The Barbados Legislature has voted the sum of £25,000 as a contribution to the costs of the war.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has expressed deep appreciation of the readiness Barbados has always shown to help the common cause.—Reuter.

LULL BEFORE STORM ON ALL CHINA'S FRONTS

Chungking, To-day.
A lull prevails on all fronts following the retreat of the Japanese forces from Northern Hunan, according to Chinese military circles here.

For nearly a fortnight, they say, there have been no spectacular military operations in North or Central China, where the Chinese and Japanese forces continue to face each other in "practically the same positions they have been holding since the fall of Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi province, six months ago."

There has also been a noticeable slackening in Japanese aerial activities in all part of China.

Chungking which has been subjected to almost continuous raids by Japanese aircraft is enjoying comparative peace at present.

In the opinion of well-informed circles here, this is the lull before the storm, since it is generally believed that the Sino-Japanese war is approaching a decisive stage, in which a "showdown" must come in the coming year.—Reuter.

HIGHER WAGES FOR BRITISH MINERS

London, To-day.
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The signature of the Anglo-French-Turkish pact is cordially received by the Press which stress its great importance for peace in the Mediterranean and pays tribute to Turkey's firm determination to stand by her engagements.

"The Times" says that the treaty is a diplomatic act of far-reaching importance which should be decisive in maintaining peace in the Mediterranean and should strengthen the ability of every State in South-East Europe to look after their own interests and combine them with those of their neighbours.

The pact has great diplomatic importance but the military consequences would be felt only in response to a challenge from outside.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "It is easy to understand the persistent efforts of Nazi diplomacy to avert Turkey's signature. Turkey has an honourable reputation for fidelity to her plighted word that accounts for the extreme mortification of Berlin, where there is no pretence of sharing Russia's unresenting acceptance of the fact and intention to regard the negotiations with Turkey as only temporarily suspended."

The "News Chronicle" states that the Balkan states may well find new strength and new cohesion as the result of the position taken up by Turkey.

The "Daily Mail" says that the pact slams the door on Hitler's ambitions in South-East Europe. The balance of power in the Mediterranean shifts in favour of the Allies.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, To-day.

The story of the "mad chase of a supremely clever British pilot," as related by a German pilot, is told by the "Westfälische Landeszeitung." The German, who claims to have shot down a British reconnaissance plane, said the British pilot flying almost on the ground, used every small hill and house, even every slope, to obtain cover from his pursuer.

"It was such a crazy adventure that sometimes both of us were only two yards above the ground. The Englishman actually flew between trees and I was sure he was going to tear of the roofs of houses as he rushed past at 200 miles an hour."

Finally, the plane fell into a potato field and caused fire. The German said he saw three Englishmen get clear. One of them waved to him and shook his hands over his head as if to indicate that it had been a fair fight.—Reuter.

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